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## Committee proposes honors program

By Arcadiy Kantor  
Senior Staff Writer

A committee established to evaluate the feasibility of launching an honors program at Tech recently delivered a proposal to implement such a plan to the Office of the Provost.

The honors program, similar to those found at several other schools such as the University of California Berkeley, University of Florida and UGA, would be a merit-based,

selective program that would allow accepted students to take a variety of courses in special "honors" classes.

These honors classes would have a number of differences from standard versions of the courses currently taught at Tech. The classes would be taught in significantly smaller sections, a move designed to encourage student-faculty interaction and a more inquiry-based learning environment.

The committee stressed, however, that the courses would not be

substantially more difficult than standard courses. "They would cover pretty much the same material," said Gregory Nobles, a professor in the School of History, Technology and Society and co-chair of the committee responsible for the proposal.

In addition to a higher caliber of students, the committee hopes to involve a higher caliber of faculty in the program. The classes "would be taught by faculty...selected as people who are good teachers, good scholars. You want your best people...in that

classroom," said Randall Engle, chair of the School of Psychology and the other committee co-chair.

Most of the new classes would be replacing core curriculum courses. "It starts with...taking some of the work...of the first two years that they'd be taking anyway and doing it in small classes with a more intensive kind of engagement with a professor," said Robert McMath, vice provost for undergraduate

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## SGA candidates kick off campaigning

By Nikhil Joshi  
Staff Writer

Campaigning for undergraduate student government kicked off this week, and SGA has set its goals for election turnout higher than last year's record numbers, hoping to draw 40 percent of the student body, or 5,000 students. Elections are April 11-13.

SGA has worked to encourage students to vote in order to improve the reputation of Tech's student government among schools locally and nationally.

"We have been publicizing more this year than we have in the past," said Patrick Cook, chair of public relations. "We want to get as many people out there as possible."

According to Cook, last year's voter turnout was close to 38 percent. This year, he said, SGA hopes to top that.

"It's going to be a challenge," Cook said, "but SGA has been very interactive with students this year. The petition against a midyear tuition increase is just one example of how we've been working well with students."

SGA plans to raise voter turnout among the student population, continued Cook, by comparing Tech to other schools locally and nationally.

"We want to emphasize the

competition between schools to get high voter turnout," he said. "Last year Duke had the highest turnout—around 44 percent—and we want to be the best this year."

Chris Rankine, chair of the Elections Committee, agreed. "It's going to be hard to beat last year's turnout," he said, "but we should be able to bring in more people if we treat it as a competition."

This year's candidates for the position of undergraduate student body president include: David Andersen, Andrew Howard, Tony Le, Micah S. Lucas and Will Welch. Each has different reasons for running.

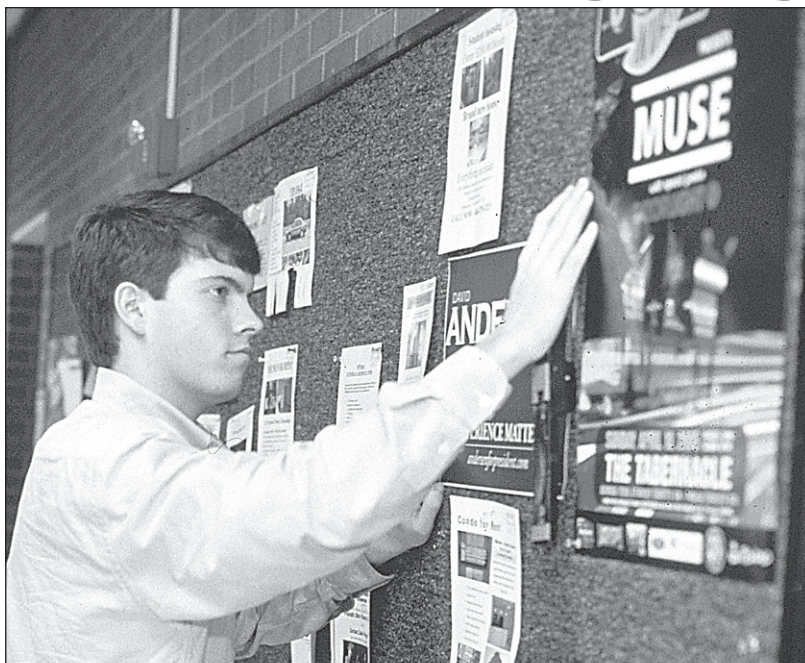
"I am running for SGA president because I have a genuine desire to assist in bettering the Tech community," Welch said.

Howard said, "After serving as the RHA President for the last two years, I feel that I still had a lot left to give and a lot of good ideas to work with to make Tech a better place for everyone."

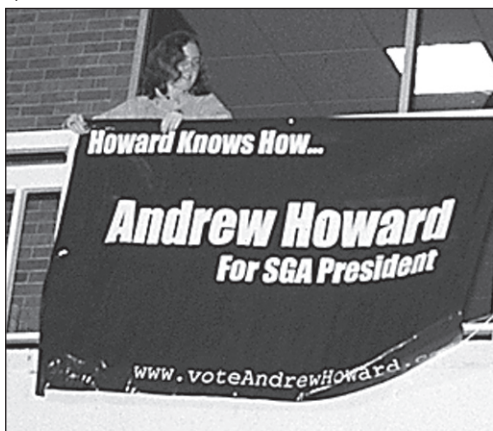
"I am running for SGA president because I have a true love for Georgia Tech, and I see this as my way of giving back to a school which has given me so much," Andersen said.

The other presidential can-

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By Andrew Saulters/STUDENT PUBLICATIONS



Undergraduate Student Body President candidate David Andersen puts up a campaign sign Monday at midnight to kick off SGA campaigning (above). Andrew Howard, Tony Le, Micah Lucas and Will Welch are also running for the position. Saira Amir, Paul Byrne and Victor Jaworski are running for Undergraduate Executive Vice President.

## Fate of Barbell Club remains uncertain

By Haining Yu  
Assistant News Editor

Operations carry on as usual for the Barbell Club as it continues to await a final decision on its fate after learning last fall of an Athletic Association decision to take some or all of its space for the renovation of locker rooms for the women's volleyball team.

"We still don't know a lot of what's going on," said Michael Kim, president of the Barbell Club. "We haven't had a time line."

"All we really know right now," Kim added, "is that volleyball is going to take some space, but we don't know how much."

Located in the basement of O'Keefe Gymnasium, the Barbell Club has been in existence at Tech since the mid 1950s and has an average of 900 members per year.

The AA's decision to renovate the locker rooms came after an independent report compiled as part of Tech's NCAA recertification process.

The report called the volleyball team's current locker room facilities in Alexander Memorial Coliseum inadequate based on Title IX regulations.

Communications between club representatives and the administration became strained last fall as tensions began to rise. "Our communication with the admin-

istration...wasn't very good," Kim said.

"Basically there were a lot of things that were going on that we didn't know about."

For example, the club did not inform anyone before deciding to renovate, Kim said. As such, the administration offered little room for discussion.

The money the club had invested into the renovation of its facilities was one of the main points in the "Save the Barbell Club" campaign the club started last semester.

According to Kim, within the past year the club has invested roughly \$15,000 into renovating the space by installing new air-

conditioning and carpets. New pieces of equipment continue to be purchased as well.

However, according to Kim, the administration does not feel responsible for the club's financial losses due to the fact that these renovations were made without their authorization.

Early this semester however, thanks to mediation done through SGA, the groups met together again at the discussion table.

According to Michael Edwards, director of the CRC and the appointed administration spokesperson for the Barbell Club issue, a

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## Ludacris tickets now available

Registration for tickets to next Thursday's Sting Break concert, featuring Ludacris, opened yesterday morning. To register for a ticket, go to [www.fun.gatech.edu/tickets](http://www.fun.gatech.edu/tickets). Students must register for tickets before picking them up in the Student Center Commons. Specific ticket pickup times are assigned when you register online.

The concert, which will be held in the Alexander Memorial Coliseum, is open only to Tech students. Each student, however, will be allowed to bring a guest. Registration will continue until the date of the event or until the ticket supply is exhausted. Registration is first-come first-serve.

## Beautification Day registration opens

Individual signups for Tech Beautification Day begin Monday, April 4. Descriptions of available projects can be viewed on their website, [cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/tbd](http://cyberbuzz.gatech.edu/tbd). The event takes place Saturday, April 16.

## Commencement speaker named

U.S. Secretary of Energy Sam Bodman will be the spring Commencement speaker. Bodman received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Cornell and a ScD (Doctor of Science) from MIT. He was an associate professor at MIT for six years. He has also served as Deputy Secretary of Commerce and Deputy Secretary of Treasury, as well as CEO of Fidelity Investments.

## Relay for Life runs all tonight

Tech's annual Relay for Life is this weekend. The event is a 12-hour walkathon that raises money for cancer research. Tech's goal this year is to raise \$120,000. The event starts tonight at 7 p.m. and will last until 7 a.m. Saturday morning. Registration is still open at [www.relay.gatech.edu](http://www.relay.gatech.edu).

## Auto show comes to campus

Tech's second annual Auto Show will take place tomorrow, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the visitor lot by the Instructional Center.

No parking will be allowed in W03 Management Lot, W03 Visitor Lot, or the second level of the Student Center Deck from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Alternate parking will be W01 First Drive and Tech Parkway, and the Student Center Deck levels one and three.





By Stephen Card / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Reaching for the Stars:** Astronaut Scott Horowitz, a Tech Ph.D. graduate, spoke to the Tech chapter of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Thursday, March 17.



#### Exit sign stolen

On March 15, a Housing employee reported a torn down exit sign on the basement floor of Hefner Residence Hall. There were also damaged ceiling tiles.

#### Thief steals soap dispenser

On March 19, a complaint detailed damaged property in Towers Residence Hall.

One paper towel dispenser and one soap dispenser were found ripped from the walls of the third floor bathroom. The case status is still active.

*From the files of the GTPD...*

## Campus Crime

#### Woman shoplifts

On March 18, a Barnes&Noble employee reported observing a woman in a pink jumpsuit placing items in her bag.

The woman had left the store area and was sitting in Starbucks when she was escorted to an employee area for questioning by GTPD.

After consenting to a search of her bag, 39 different items were found from the store.

The total items were valued at \$382.00. The woman stated the items did not belong to her and was escorted to the Fulton County Jail without incident.

#### Man sent to mental ward

On March 19, a male Tech stu-

dent flagged down GTPD to report a car following him.

The stalking driver passed field sobriety tests. However, he kept changing moods during questioning.

A bag containing a green leafy substance was recovered after the driver stated that drugs were in the vehicle.

The driver continued making comments that did not make any sense and his body movements were jumpy and unsteady.

The driver was determined to be mentally unstable and released with no charges to Grady Hospital Mental Ward.

This week's campus crime information written by Amanda Dugan

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# Council Clippings



Each week, elected members of the houses of the Student Government Association (SGA) meet to consider allocation bills and talk about campus issues. Here are summaries of those meetings.

## Undergraduate House of Representatives

# Undergrads almost fail to meet quorum

By Stephen Baehl  
News Editor

Tuesday's Undergraduate House of Representatives meeting threatened to be a short one, as there were not enough members present at the start of the session to make quorum.

Executive Vice President Lamar Stewart said he would re-call roll after officer reports and the special guest presentation were concluded.

"We have four meetings left, and we have one giant budget left that we haven't passed yet," said Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president, in her report.

"We're going to be in a bit of a time crunch, especially if we don't meet quorum tonight."

After other officers presented their reports, and special guest Mitchel Keller of the Honors Advisory Council publicized next Tuesday's open forum panel discussions about file sharing, enough representatives were present to make quorum.

Like the graduates, the undergrads where quick to pass or postpone the allocations bills before them in order to move on to discussing the budget.

UHR also postponed consideration of the allocation bill to

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Undergrad president

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- Joint allocation to Industrial Design Society of America

the Industrial Design Society of America because no club members were present.

An allocation for the Georgia Tech Mock Trial team's travel expenses to their national tournament in Illinois was also tabled, as there was no organization representative present. However, some members of the house knew the specifics of the bill, and were later able to relate those to the floor. The bill was then brought up for consideration once more and

passed.

Also considered with virtually no discussion were an allocation to the

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## Graduate Student Senate



By Andrew Saulters / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Members of the Graduate Student Senate discuss changes to the Fiscal Year 2006 Student Activity Fee budget during Tuesday's meeting. Senators rejected most motions to restore previously cut funds.

# GSS considers budget amendments

By Stephen Baehl  
News Editor

The Graduate Student Senate rifled through a set of standard allocations bills before moving to the main matter at hand—the Fiscal Year 2006 Student Activity Fee Budget. Senators managed to squeeze in discussion on several amendments before losing quorum to members leaving for class.

Among the changes to the budget discussed was the funding of an SGA student assistant, which had been cut from the budget previously. Some senators thought the position would be beneficial and sought to add just over \$1,700 of funding back in for it.

At first, senators compared the position to the current undergraduate student assistant, who maintains the web site.

Senator Ed Greco said it was absurd to have two assistants, one serving each house and doing the same web page. "I don't know why we can't just fund one person," he said. "An independent web master."

Senator Karen Feigh agreed, saying SGA "had innumerable problems with the web site this year" because the webmaster, as an undergraduate,

thinks of his job as primarily serving the undergrads, she said.

Kasi David, graduate student body president, said this assistant was not intended for such duties, however.

He said the position is similar to what other schools have, and was meant for someone to solely focus on maintaining a web site that would serve as a focal point for graduate student news, events and organizations.

Some senators noted Cyberbuzz is intended to serve that purpose.

Kasi agreed, but asked, "How many people here actually use Cyberbuzz?" One senator raised his hand.

Greco remained against the motion, however. "I'm against this motion, not because it's not a good idea, but because it might potentially not work."

He said that SGA is operating in a fiscally tight year, and could not afford to spend extra money on the position.

Ultimately, the motion failed, and the position remained cut from the budget.

Other re-additions were attempted, such as funding for the GSS retreat. However, when it was noted

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that all retreats for all organizations were cut from the budget, senators felt it would be unfair to add money back in just for themselves.

Other issues brought before the senators included a bill requesting funding for the Industrial Design Society of America. No organization representatives were present, and Treasurer Victoria Foster said that none had attended either the JFC meeting before or during spring break.

One senator suggested the senate

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By Jon Drews / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Monologue:** Tech students participate in a performance as part of the presentation of Eve Ensler’s award-winning play, the *Vagina Monologues*. Performances took place on March 10 and 17.

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vote no on the bill since the representative had not shown up to even one of several opportunities. However, the bill was postponed, as Foster suggested David Andersen, JFC chair, had experienced problems with his email and may not have been able to contact the organization.

The bill was postponed. Following that decision, the senators passed a rapid succession of bills with little to no discussion in an effort to quickly bring the budget up for

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**Ed Greco**  
Physics senator

consideration. The Mock Trial team was allocated money to cover travel expenses to its national tournament after winning at regionals. The Caribbean Students Association bill, a request for funds for the organization’s Caribbean Week events, also passed, as well as an allocation to the Academic Quiz Bowl Team for a new buzzer system. The last of the team’s 15 to 20 year-old buzzer systems broke a month ago, and, according to their representative, they had not been able to meet to practice since.

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Caribbean Students Association for its Caribbean Week activities and a bill to fund the purchase of a new buzzer system for the Academic Quiz Bowl team. Both bills were passed in full. The main sources of contention in the meeting came during the ensuing budget discussion. Public Policy Representative Alex Suarez suggested that the Pride Alliance budget be cut entirely, because he said that they had become what could be defined as a political organization. SGA does not fund political organizations such as the College Democrats and College Republicans. Suarez said he had no problem with the club itself, but that a cultural organization should not be used for

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didates were not able to be reached for comment. Saria Amir, Paul Byrne and Victor Jaworski are running for the position of executive vice president. The elections committee has made several changes in the elections code to regulate campaigning, which began this Monday and will continue for two weeks until April 11, after which students will be able to vote. “Most changes to SGA policies in elections are made as a result of problems during the previous years,” Rankine said. He said that SGA’s greatest worry for the current election is the possibility of having an election in which candidates do not adhere to SGA policy in campaigning. “I have seen elections where people tread the line,” he said. “Our goal is to have rules and keep everyone calm.” For this reason, the elections

committee meets to set out the rules and regulations in an elections code prior to campaigning. This document is then passed by the Undergraduate House of Representatives and established as the guideline to be used by candidates. Three major changes were made in this year’s passed version of the elections code. The candidates are now allowed, for example, to have one four-by-eight sign and one three-by-six sign among their posters placed around campus. This is different from last year’s restriction of two three-by-six signs. “By allowing the candidates to use bigger signs, we are allowing them to be more flexible and creative in their campaigning efforts,” Rankine said. In addition, the committee reworded the content of the Penalties and Violations section of the document because “some of the language in the section was unclear,” according to Rankine. Finally, he said, the committee added a section with “provisions to prevent mass emailing by candidates.” organization’s funding intact. Other funding was added back in, such as a request from the Musicians’ Network for \$300 to cover maintenance fees. Organization representatives said they are forced to pay such fees when they need maintenance done in the Under the Couch space, citing as an example the need for insulation on hot water piping in the area that had caused the room to become unbearably hot during winter. The graduates had considered the same re-addition, but failed it. After some other considerations of motions, the budget bill was postponed until next week for further discussion. Representatives also nominated and voted on a chair and members of an Awards committee to be in charge of administration duties associated with the nomination and election of UHR award winners.

political activities. “It’s a matter of fairness,” he said. He cited Pride Alliance’s involvement with campaigning against the proposed amendment banning gay marriage in last November’s election. Other representatives said such advocacy on the organization’s part was in their direct interest in terms of the culture it represents and its very existence. Suarez argued a political organization is one that campaigns to influence a vote or other public policy. Treasurer Ambika Bumb said that JFC defines and categorizes organizations based on their Cyberbuzz classification and the organization’s constitution, and under those criteria, Pride was not considered a political organization. In the end, representatives failed the measure, voting to keep the



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memorandum was sent out by Robert Thompson, senior vice president of administration and finance, to all parties as a result of their January meeting.

The memo detailed the steps that needed to be completed in order for the administration to come to a final decision.

Of the various points listed, the memo called for a report to be compiled by the Facilities Department to assess the space requirements for a new locker room.

The amount of space needed is one of the main concerns for the Barbell Club. "Once we know how much space they need...basically that will determine everything else," Kim said.

According to Edwards, anything from none to all of the club's current space could be taken, depending on the outcome of this report. It is unclear at this time whether this report has been completed or not.

The administration at this point is still in the decision-making process as to what to do with the Barbell Club space. "All the information asked for in the memo is being gathered up," Edwards said. "I don't know when the ultimate decision will come out...it is still a work in progress."

Along with the Facilities report, the memo also called for an administrative review of current Barbell Club operations. Representatives of the CRC toured the club's O'Keefe location with club officers to discuss issues of "risk management" that the club would need to address, if it does remain in its present location.

Items that were noted included loose weights, the need to maintain a tidy space to prevent accidents and the need for more safety signs.

According to Kim, the CRC also brought up the possibility of requiring a CPR-trained supervisor to be on hand during all Barbell Club hours.

The risk management recommendations could put an extra financial burden on the club, as well as add to the responsibilities of the student leaders.

The need for constant supervision of the club, Kim said, will most likely force the club to limit hours of operation in the future.

"We would not make it 24 hours anymore...maybe cut off the hours from two to five [a.m.]," Kim said. "We're also talking about a possible buddy system."

Any speculation on the future of the club would only come into effect if the club is allowed to keep enough space to continue operating as a facility.

Should it be forced out of its current space, the Barbell Club would forfeit any expenses put into renovating the area. In addition, it would be forced to sell off its equipment or find somewhere else to house it.

In the end, however, it is not the money lost that troubles Barbell members.

"We're a non-profit organization," said Kim. "If we were to liquidize and get rid of everything, our money would be donated to the charities that we already give money to." He said it is the loss of their space, and the camaraderie that the space provided, that they will miss the most.

As for SGA, it hopes that the negotiations brought about by the Barbell Club situation will help smooth the way for future occurrences.

"SGA will continue to fight for those organizations which provide the necessary balance between the academic rigor and social opportunities that Tech has to offer," said David Andersen, chair of SGA's Joint Finance Committee.

Amy Phuong, undergraduate student body president, said that the Barbell Club situation helps set a precedent for dealings between the administration and student organizations if similar circumstances arise in the future.

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studies and academic affairs. "The committee did not try to dictate what would happen beyond that in the third and fourth years."

A number of the schools already offer honors versions of some introductory classes. "Some courses in the freshman and sophomore years...are already on the books in honors sections. We take those as a building block," McMath said.

In addition to honors versions of regular classes, several other concepts are planned for program participants. One planned type of class is a one-hour seminar with approximately 10 students and two faculty members reading a book or engaging in some other activity and discussion. "Students in the honors program would take one of those each semester," he said.

"The idea is they meet together once a week, a small group of students and a couple of faculty members, and have that opportunity just to engage in a less formal, less structured conversation than you might find with one person teaching a large class," Nobles said. According to Nobles, the two faculty members teaching these seminars would come from different disciplines, letting students approach an issue from two disparate perspectives.

The structure of the program would allow each major to develop its own honors track for students to undertake in their third and fourth year. "It would be open to students in all majors, and what some majors might for example say is, 'we will have honors opportunities in the form of research opportunities for students,'" McMath said.

This department-centric plan is likely to result in disparate states in the program's development between different major schools. "Even if a student is in a major that didn't have a wide array of opportunities for them yet, they can still be in the

honors program and benefit from it," McMath said. "We don't yet have a fixed number of courses...for honors designation, but it would be a low-enough number—maybe 15-20 percent of their total course work—so that a student wouldn't be penalized if their particular major had not yet developed a lot of specific work for them."

According to McMath, the administration's goal in launching an honors program is to attract a higher caliber of students to Tech. "We believe there are some students who either come to Tech or consider Tech and go someplace else who

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**Robert McMath**  
Vice Provost

would be very interested in this kind of challenge," he said. "We think in some cases students are choosing another school because of their honors programs."

"An awful lot of Georgia Tech students are interested in getting a degree, getting a job, making a lot of money...There's certainly nothing wrong with that; Georgia Tech has done a very good job working with that kind of student over the years," Engel said. "I think what we're looking at is individuals who really do want to be a little more diverse in their education than the typical [Tech] student, who might be interested in combining some things by looking at things in an interdisciplinary way."

The committee has also deter-

mined some basic aspects of the admission process for the program. "We decided early on that this was not going to be a program determined strictly by GPA and SAT," Nobles said. "That doesn't really make sense here because...you're dealing with an average SAT of [1300] and change."

Rather, the committee proposed that applicants be selected based on an essay and recommendation letters from high school teachers in two different disciplines (a humanity and a science) in addition to their grades.

Other features the committee hopes to include in the program are a variety of social activities and a residential component. "The goal here is to bring a level of vitality—vitality at an intellectual level, in ways that it's not easy to do at Georgia Tech right now," Engle said. "The goal is to do this both by having these students live together, having dinners with faculty and...just [encouraging] student-faculty interaction at a level that's kind of hard to do right now."

The scope of the program as outlined by the committee will have a variety of costs for administering the program, adding faculty and recruiting students. This is not expected to take funds away from other departments, however, Nobles said.

The program would instead be funded as a component of normal institute expansion, as well as with assistance from the next capital campaign. "We all hope that there will be some good, interested, and—one hopes—generous donor or set of donors," Nobles said.

The program will not have a scholarship component like many of Tech's peer institutions.

According to McMath, if the program is approved, the administration hopes to launch it by fall 2006. The program may also be substantially restructured from the current proposal as it passes through various stages of peer review.

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"To win without risk is to triumph without glory."  
—Pierre Corneille

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# Misplaced emphasis

Administrators are considering creating a Tech honors program with the goals of attracting a "higher caliber of students" to Tech and providing them with alternatives to the traditional curriculum. The program would offer select students a chance to take a variety of core courses and major courses at an honors level. However, as it stands now, there are several major flaws with the proposed plans and its logic.

First, the idea that we need an honors program to attract a higher caliber of students to come to Tech is misguided. Harvard, MIT and Princeton are just a few of the many schools that don't have honors programs, which are better suited to large state schools, such as the University of Georgia, that need to attract talented students away from top schools like Tech by giving them scholarship money, smaller classes and other perks.

Second, honors classes will not be designed to be "harder" but rather to be taught in a smaller setting with the best professors. This should be an Institute goal for all courses. An honors program would cheat the majority of students by offering only a select few access to the highest-quality teaching resources.

The selection process under the proposed plan also seems flawed. Students would not be selected based on higher SAT scores or GPA. Rather, they would get into the program based on high school teacher recommendations and essays. Almost every student applying to Tech should be able to obtain glowing letters from their teachers, and while essays are a valuable assessment tool, performance during the first year of college might be a better way to gauge which students are honors material.

There are also other significant problems that will have to be addressed if this program is to be successful. Tech's academic programs do not lend themselves well to implementing an honors track. Our students have far fewer generic core requirements than do most schools with honors programs. A large number of honors courses would have to be developed within each major and there would be no way to ensure that an honors class in one major was comparable to one in another major.

While the present proposal for an honors program seems like a bad idea, some of the components are certainly worth pursuing. These include the creation of additional accelerated classes, opportunities for interdisciplinary learning in seminars, smaller class sizes and putting Tech's best professors in positions that favor and compliment their talents. Our current selection of interdisciplinary, social science and humanities courses is lacking. There's no reason why only a select few should be able to partake in challenging courses and have interesting classroom experiences—everyone at Tech deserves that opportunity.

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By Ting Cheng / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

# Whose truths are journalists telling?

"Well, I'm not sure what angle you're looking for. Is this quote what you want for your story?"

I was somewhat taken aback when I first heard my interview subject ask this question. Considering that a reporter's job is to be unbiased, it would be at best counterproductive and at worst unethical to go into a story with a specific agenda aside from gathering as much information as possible on a given subject.

This gave me pause. Is it so common a thing for reporters to seek only certain facts, rather than openly seeking a point of view in compiling a story, that people take it as a matter of course that a journalist would only be after a narrow range of information in regards to a story?

The familiar phrase "The truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth" comes to mind. If a journalist drives toward only a certain slant, a particular angle, is that journalist leaving open the possibility of finding the "whole truth?" Or instead, does one—even inadvertently—allow oneself to narrow in on one aspect of a story to the point of exclusion of other facts or possibilities?

It is the journalist's duty to leave open all possibilities in order to obtain the most accurate set of facts possible.

This is not to say that a reporter pursuing information regarding the latest presidential election should ask questions about the weather. Of course, information gathering should be limited to that which is pertinent to the topic of the story.

However, journalists can and often will run the risk of narrowing that information gathering too much. Take, for example, an entirely plausible hypothetical scenario. There is a rumor that a well-known government official has been responsible for overpaying private contractors working for the government—contractors who happened to be, in many cases, large campaign



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**Stephen Baehl**  
News Editor

contributors to said official.

We all know that corruption is commonplace among government officials, and these rumors, though not yet substantiated, make sense.

It is then the journalist's responsibility to ask questions that drive at new and different ways to find the damning pieces of evidence needed to confirm these rumors, in order to expose to the public this wrongdoing. Journalists serve the public by being watchdogs in this manner.

Right? Preconceptions can combine with the drive to expose for the public good (and the good ratings) such scandals, making this the pinnacle of reporting among many in the industry.

Possible personal bias aside, however, there is also the very reason the story would be worth covering. It is a scandal, that perhaps involves the taxpayers' money being spent wrongly. Definitely worth attention. And without this scandal, there really would not be much of a story to report—unless government contracts are suddenly considered interesting to the public—so why bother covering it?

This reason for coverage, though, can be just as harmful in limiting the information gathered as individual judgments. Combining the two can lead to our journalist inadvertently narrowing his focus not to the lines of, "Is there a cover-up, and if so what is the truth behind it?" but to, "How can I prove this cover-up and get to the facts behind it?"

I have heard this concept of ap-

proaching a story with specific coverage in mind expressed in the form of advice in determining what stories to assign at a newspaper: "Have an idea of the story's headline when it is first assigned."

This subtle shift in thought sets a tone for the story, even if the rumors are ultimately proven to be nothing more than just that.

The story itself then guides information gathering. It dictates what quotes are used where and how, in addition to what particular facts are sought, rather than allowing the facts discovered to guide the story's formation.

This is not to say that the media has a specific agenda. It is a hard case to make that any political party controls mass media, or that any one line of thought pervades it.

It simply points to a reporter's humanity. The majority of people who read or hear about a string of shootings and then learn that a suspect has been apprehended substitute the word *convict* for *suspect*, even before the trial.

Journalists are no different from any other person, and while they may strive to do their best to set aside such preconceived notions, such prejudice, it seems, can never fully be disregarded.

Then again, my own perceptions and observations led me to write this. Had I wanted to, I could find the questions to ask people to back it up with facts. But would those facts make this opinion the truth anymore than it is now?



# Five simple steps to winning an SGA office

It's that time of year again; time for everyone to be beyond burnt out from school and talk about how tough it is to skip the beautiful weather and go to class.

Well, that's true, but, it's not what the signs are about. It is in fact time to elect our new fearless leaders—the executives of Tech's Student Government Association.

As an expert in campaigning and elections, as most sports editors are, I feel that it is my duty to help guide all of the candidates on the path to victory. This path to victory is in no way guaranteed, nor is it necessarily even good, but don't question the expert.

First, it is important to recognize that this election will be transformed by the greatest innovation of the past year—the facebook. Doing a brief and scientific survey of the candidates, some of them are not even listed on [thefacebook.com](http://thefacebook.com). My advice to them is to act quickly as they are quickly falling behind.

They are not able to campaign by “poking” unsuspecting members of the Tech community (who respond by having no clue whatsoever as to what this means) or forming groups like “Only cool kids vote for John Smith for president” to intimidate their opponents.

As in all political campaigns,



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**Kyle Thomason**  
Sports Editor

it's important to have friends, and what better way is there to quantify your friends and your entire life value than an online connection that is eerily similar to a bad dating service.

After properly getting on the facebook and making friends with everyone he or she might have ever known, a candidate is probably wondering what to do next. Well, I looked at the signs for inspiration for the next step in the process. The candidates all had one thing in common; they have names.

See, the tricky thing about these elections is they are kind of like the race for judge in the local elections. No one is associated with a party, there are a lot of people running and a majority of the voters probably do not really know the people among which they are making their decision.

As a result, most voters just pick the candidate with the best

name; something pronounceable and distinguished like say Abraham Lincoln Smith. You may think it's crazy, but think back to the last election, you know it's true. Candidates, if your name is not like this, I suggest that you change it, quickly.

But not all voters look solely at names; some actually look at issues. It appears there is a trend toward designing websites to deal with these pesky voters that actually care about a candidate's platform. Don't pick a domain name like “AbrahamLincolnSmith4presGTSGA0506.com.” First, that's way too long for anyone to remember, and second, if you lose, what on earth are you going to use that domain name for? Exactly. So, now that you've got a website that you can actually use again, regardless of the outcome, you actually have to start thinking about a platform.

First, remember that the SGA president serves a one-year

term, so pick something you can actually do in one year. Perhaps something lofty like “I will attend all meetings for the whole entire year unless there is a good basketball game on or my friends want to go out and do something” would work here.

Of course, most people won't actually care about your platform that much, or if they do, they'll attend a debate where you can make up all sorts of wacky-sounding ideas and then make them sound like a terrifically rational thought for at least a few days.

What is more important than the issues is to have a good slogan. Or a good war story. A bad combination choice in this matter would be “I'm John Smith, and I'm reporting for duty.” If you use this, you're guaranteed to lose, no matter what.

If you send out a mass email to all sorts of people that do not know you, absolutely no one will or should vote for you—not one, regardless of your promises of enhanced performance. And upon the rare chance that you win, I will use the little strength I have in me to make sure you are referred to as John-who-should-have-to-walk-on-burning-coals-and-shattered-glass-for-all-eternity Smith.

Okay, maybe not, but at least it made you think twice before you sent out that email, huh?

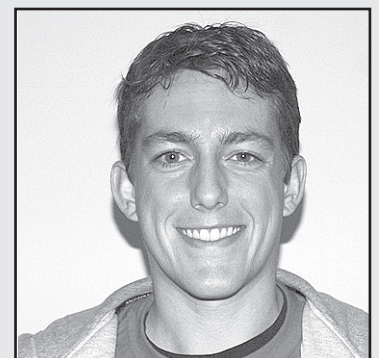
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*Around the Campus*  
**What did you think of the March Madness games?**



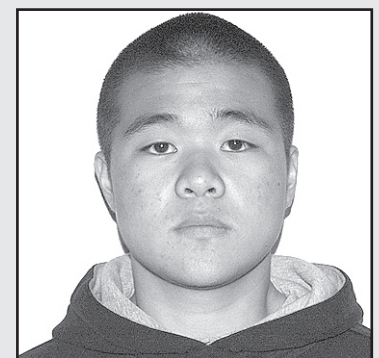
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BC Fourth-year

*“I feel like Tech did their best and I'm proud of them.”*



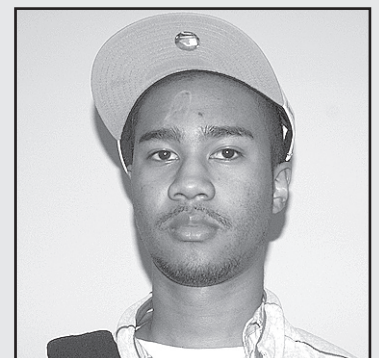
**Justin Pounders**  
NRE Fourth-year

*“We should have won. I only watched part of a game.”*



**Edward Kin**  
BME Freshman

*“I expected our team to do better simply because of last year's tournament.”*



**Andryll Davis**  
ISyE Fourth-year

*“[They were] better than I expected.”*

Photos by Julia Bunch

## OUR VIEWS HOT OR NOT

### HOT- or -NOT



#### No. 1 Baby!

Who needs to go across town to see the Braves when we have a No. 1 baseball team right here? On their way to the top of the charts, the Jackets picked up their 505th win under Head Coach Danny Hall, making him Tech's all-time winningest coach. To those of you still hurting from the basketball team's loss, go out to the ballpark and see the team give Duke and other ACC foes hell this season.



#### Like-new Skiles

After years of disrepair, the steps at Skiles have finally been repaved. No longer do students have to watch out for the stairs that rock slightly back and forth when stepped on. Now if only Tech could prevent the sidewalk between Boggs and Ferst Drive from becoming a swimming pool everytime it rains...



#### Grad ceremonies

Given the anticipated length of this year's spring commencement ceremonies, we can only hope that Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman has more of a sense of humor than his bio lets on. Any comic relief is going to be greatly appreciated this year as graduates struggle to get through the four-hour ceremony May 7. We suggest that either next year's ceremonies end sooner or we get John Salley to do it again.



#### Pesky CRC spectators

While there's nothing wrong with hosting basketball tournaments for groups around the state, there is something wrong with spectators disrespecting the CRC by placing chairs on the indoor track to get a better view. We haven't paid our student activity fee dutifully to get our new indoor track ruined already.

## YOUR VIEWS LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### UtC provides great sounds

I am writing this letter on behalf of Under the Couch, which was recently lambasted in a review entitled “Passion Restored to Punk: Ever Since the Radio Launches Southeast Tour at UtC.”

The author of said article had this to say: “Let's face it, Under the Couch is not the world's greatest place to play. Some of the bands that play there say that the acoustics are really bad.”

If Under the Couch truly is such an acoustic monstrosity, why would the A Cappella Club use it repeatedly for performances? And these alleged complaints from “some bands” lack substantiation. Who are these unnamed bands and why haven't they vocalized their complaints to the people that run the soundboard?

UtC is run by Musicians' Network; we book the bands, we advertise, and we run the shows, with some help from members

of the administration and staff. UtC has at its disposal a mixer, amps, monitors, microphones, compressor, among other things, all industry-standard models, which are used to achieve the best possible sound at every show. And Micah Dalton, who is becoming quite famous in the Southeast, commented that we “...do great with the mix...which is a rare commodity in the independent music world.”

This concert that you obviously enjoyed, unnamed author, was free—just like every show at UtC is for Tech students. So if you're looking for your definition of “good acoustics” maybe you should shell out the \$20 bucks to go to a “real” venue.

And don't even get me started on how “punk” Ever Since the Radio is...

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## BLINDED BY SCIENCE

## New EPA rules harmful to scientists

In the past few years, I have been continually disappointed by the backtracking of our nation in regards to its care of the environment, especially after the strides we took in the 1990s and before. One prime example of the damage we are currently doing is the new Clean Air Mercury Rule (CAMR) issued by the EPA earlier this month. Presumably aimed at reducing mercury emissions from power plants, the rule actually weakens the mercury standards under the current Clean Air Act (CAA).

Reducing mercury pollution is important because mercury is a highly dangerous toxin that can cause significant brain damage; it primarily affects pregnant women and children. Humans most commonly become affected by mercury when they eat fish that come from polluted fresh and seawater.

Under the new EPA rule, coal-burning power plants will be allowed to participate in a cap-and-trade system allowing higher-polluting facilities to buy pollution allowances from plants that have lowered their pollution levels. The rule would reduce mercury emissions from the current level of 48 tons a year to 15 tons a year by 2018.

In contrast, the CAA calls for the implementation of affordable and currently available technologies to reduce mercury emissions.

Under the CAA, mercury emissions would be reduced to 5 tons a year by 2008, a decade earlier than the CAMR proposes. Why is the



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**Andrea Thompson**  
Columnist

EPA is actively replacing effective legislation with less stringent rules that will hurt public health in the future?

Another aspect of the issue that is nearly as amazing to me as this blatant disregard for public health is that the EPA ignored a study commissioned by the agency that disagreed with the ultimate recommendations of the CAMR. The EPA claims that the benefits of further reducing mercury pollution are not enough to warrant the costs, but the Harvard study refutes this claim. In fact, it found that the benefits to public health far outweigh the costs to industry. The study conducted by a Harvard University group was not only paid for by the EPA, but was co-authored by an EPA scientist and peer-reviewed by two other EPA scientists.

EPA officials claim the study was not submitted in time and question some of its methodology. But the agency was well aware of the methodology long before the study was completed, and again, EPA scientists participated in it. And so it appears that the study was ignored

by officials because the findings were not to their liking. If the study was taken into consideration, there could be no excuse for not keeping the more stringent mercury reduction policies.

It saddens and scares me that important science like this is being ignored and that the federal agency charged with protecting our environment and the American people from pollution is instead protecting the interests that are polluting. EPA spokespeople have defended the agency by saying that we are the first country to regulate mercury emissions, which is all well and good, but why aren't we doing the best job at regulating them that we possibly can? Why are we ignoring the science that tells us what the best policy would be?

As a society, we can't afford to make these kinds of mistakes, and the only way to avoid them is to make sure that policy makers are as informed as they can be. As one scientist noted, it would be fine if they produced evidence refuting the findings, but to simply ignore them is unacceptable and dangerous.

## Is real life enough?

By Andrea Cortland  
*Daily Targum*

(U-WIRE) Rutgers University,—“American Idol.” “Survivor.” “The Real World.” “Newlyweds.” The list of reality television shows that we as Americans watch goes on and on.

You don't think America is that obsessed with reality television? Think it's just a few TV shows here and there? Think again. Since reality TV hit the air, more than 300 different shows have aired, all of which fall into the genre of reality television. Three hundred! Compared to Canada's two shows, Australia's two shows and the United Kingdom's 20 shows, I would think that such a number qualifies reality television as an American obsession.

The question then is: Why do we as Americans love reality television so much? Not surprisingly, I'm not the first person to pose this question. In fact, psychologists nationwide have begun to examine the American fascination with reality television. However, ever a modest woman, I'd like to offer a few of my own.

Primarily, let me state that I, too, have a special place in my heart for reality television. I didn't miss an episode of “America's Next Top Model” last season, and I'm very into “American Idol” this season. Thus, my hypotheses will be based on individual experience as well as observation.

This being stated, one belief I have held for quite some time is that we love to watch reality televi-

sion because it makes us feel better about ourselves. Cynical, I know, but sadly, it's true. We watched Ashlee Simpson get caught lip-synching. By watching “America's Next Top Model,” we learn that some of the most beautiful women alive can have cellulite and look bad in photos. We hear Simon make comments so mean we didn't dare think them.

Reality television really puts its participants in a situation where they have to be cutthroat and aggressive in order to survive, and many of the contestants rise to the occasion.

Or maybe it's that we like the fact that it is indeed average, everyday people who appear on many reality shows. It's thrilling for us to see that people a lot like ourselves can be on television, can have contact with Tyra Banks and Sean Combs, can have raw, untapped talent and can make a lot of cash, regardless of their exposed and exaggerated flaws.

But the real reason I think we like reality television so much is the reason that I like reality television—it gives us the opportunity to step out of our immediate life and into someone else's. For just one hour, we can think about whether Bo or Anwar will get cut tonight and not about the war in Iraq, getting into graduate school, Terry Schiavo and our problems with our significant other. It makes us forget that we're lonely or exhausted or stressed out or frustrated. All the while, we're seeing other people who are all of those things as well—and when the hour of reality television is over, we're ready to resume our lives.



# FOCUS

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## TENNIS RALLIES

A victory over No. 2 UGA pushes the tennis team to No. 6. Check out the players behind the team's all-time highest ranking. **Page 27**

## GUESS WHAT?

*Guess Who*, starring Ashton Kutcher and Bernie Mac, kept our reviewer guessing—about whether the movie would be worth her time. **Page 14**



## Annual Celebrating Teaching Day promotes interaction, dialogue



By Jon Kaye / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Teaching fellows visit each others' poster presentations, set up in the library, during Celebrating Teaching Day on Monday.

By Jennifer Lee  
Focus Editor

Despite being the Monday after spring break, this year's Celebrating Teaching Day went well, according to Donna Llewellyn, director of the Center for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL).

"I think actually it was one of the best years," Llewellyn said. "We had a lot of communication between the people presenting, so there was a lot of engagement as to people presenting and sharing ideas."

Now in its sixth year, Teaching Day was held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the rotunda and Library West Commons of the library. The day is an opportunity to honor Spring 2004 Hesburgh Award Teaching Fellows, Fall

2004 Class of 1969 Teaching Fellows and 2004 Student and Teacher Enhancement Program (STEP) Fellows, which are funded by the National Science Foundation's GK-12 Program.

The event featured poster presentations from senior and junior faculty as well as students who teach at metro Atlanta high schools as part of STEP. While designed to showcase the efforts of these fellows, Teaching Day also provides a chance for faculty to share what works and what doesn't in terms of teaching methods, as well as see what other people on campus are doing.

"Every day for CETL is celebrating teaching day, but we like to make it public one day a year," Llewellyn said.

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# Female faculty offer opinions on Harvard president's statements

By Jennifer Lee  
Focus Editor

The debate still lingers, even though it's been more than two months since Harvard president Larry Summers made his controversial remarks on women in science and engineering at a January National Bureau of Economic Research conference.

Just two weeks ago, the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard passed a "no confidence" vote citing long-standing dissatisfaction with his management style and, to a lesser extent, his conference remarks.

So what do the women at Tech think about the controversy? We spoke to several female faculty to see what they thought were the real issues behind Summers' statements.

### Enough research

It was Summers' remarks about a difference in "intrinsic aptitude" between men and women in science and engineering that drew the most criticism from the media and peers.

And it's not hard to see why, said

Nancy Nersessian, a joint professor in the College of Computing and the School of Public Policy.

While Summers said he was making "some attempts at provocation," Nersessian and other female faculty

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**Nancy Nersessian**  
Professor, CoC

felt that his statements ignored decades of research on the topic.

"The question is, being provocative about what?...it was very unclear exactly what he was trying to do," Nersessian said. "It was a combination of...ignorance of the empirical research that has been done and kind of this sense of arrogance that he

could from the top of his head address a group of women researchers."

Many also felt that as president of Harvard, Summers should have been much more aware of his position and his choice of words.

"I'm just surprised that someone in his position would make such a comment," said Enid Steinbart, director of Advisement and Assessment in the School of Mathematics. "Where we are is not where we want to be, and it's not inevitable that we're continually going to be so underrepresented in the math and sciences."

Mary Frank Fox, an NSF Advance Professor in the School of Public Policy and co-director for the Center for the Study of Women, Science and Technology, has done research on the subject of women in science and academia for over 30 years.

"I was struck by the issue being raised in such a way as to suggest that what we need is more research on this topic of different abilities," she said. In her research, Fox has

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First two photos courtesy Institute Communications and Public Affairs

# Poetry in commotion: alumnus self-publishes book

By Kristin Noell  
Senior Staff Writer

Matthew Taylor graduated in December 2004 in Materials Science and Engineering. Though he has applied to a couple of graduate schools, he's taking a little break.

"I'm not a total bum," he said. "I've got a job as a tutor; that pays the bills." Oh yeah, and he just published his first book.

It's called *Tendralli*, a collection of 50 poems he wrote between 1997, when he was still in high school, and 2004. And no, you won't find the word "tendralli" in any dictionary.

"[It's] a word I made up," Taylor said. "It has a number of different tonal and meaningful roots kind of smashed together. So you can draw anything out of it...essentially it's just an idea."

So how did a Tech grad come to publish a book of poetry? "My father's an engineer, my mother's an artist, so I have a different perspective on life, I guess you could say," Taylor said. "I've always wanted to be an artist, but engineering was supposed to pay the bills."

According to Taylor, he's a bit of a "visual poet"—his poetry is frequently characterized by an inter-

esting use of font, color, size and justification.

"There's two different modes I write in: one is by computer and one is by hand, and whenever I'm writing by computer, I can type as fast as I

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**Matthew Taylor**  
MSE alum and author

can think...When I'm writing by hand, you have to slow it down, the ideas become more mature before they get on the paper."

The recurring theme throughout his work is hope, although "admittedly a lot of it is dark; it's about irony, I guess," Taylor said. "It's about the irony that God has carefully woven

into our universe—exploring that idea."

Although some of his ideas come from experience, he gets many of them from movies, books, the news and people he passes on the street.

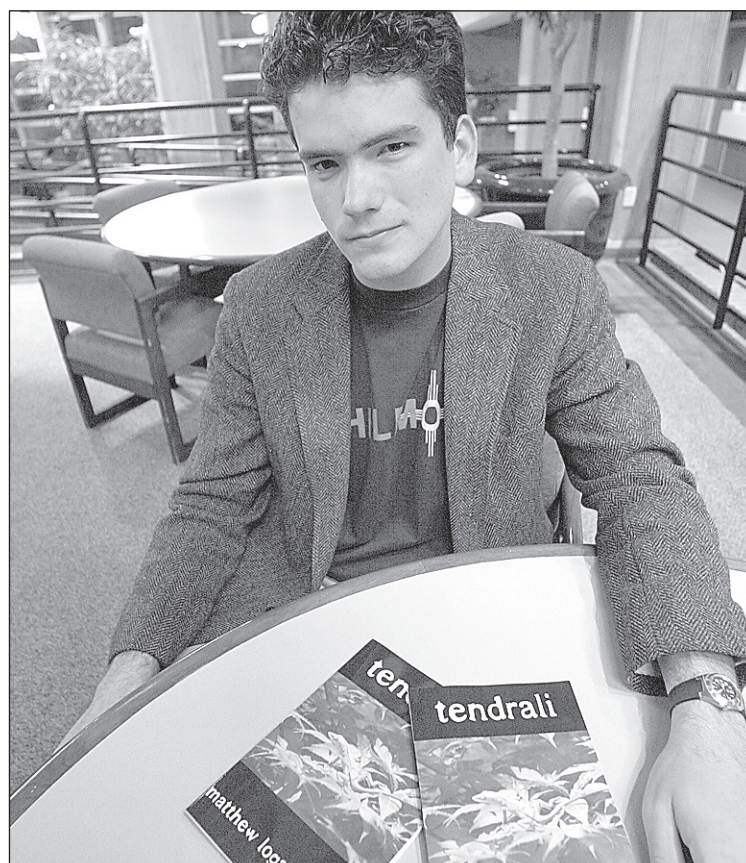
He published *Tendralli* through lulu.com, a free self-publishing website. Online companies like lulu have made publishing much easier for authors who just want to get their work out there.

"In the past, you had to get a publishing deal with a major publisher, and if you decided to self-publish it was far too expensive," Taylor said.

Lulu prints on demand, and it does not cost the writers anything, which makes publishing financially feasible. The trade off is that the cover price of one copy is high.

There are other perks with online publishing, however. For instance, "Lulu is sort of a writer's cooperative," Taylor said. "Most of the people that are on there are writers, so they check out each other's books and critique them." As most writers who use Lulu do not have an official editor to look over their work, this is a valuable opportunity.

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By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Recent grad Matthew Taylor used the website Lulu.com to self-publish *Tendralli*, a collection of 50 poems he has written over the past eight years. He says it's rewarding to see his work in a tangible form.





By Ariel Bravy / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

## Caption Contest

(from 3/11)

**"After being told that another member of the team was already number 12, Justin Tayback decides to become number 21."**

**—Benjamin Deneweth, third-year Economics major**

Look for another edition of the caption contest in a future issue of the paper.

*Technique* is looking for new interactive weekly features like Tech Up Close and Caption Contest. If you have suggestions, please email [focus@technique.gatech.edu](mailto:focus@technique.gatech.edu).

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Taylor's finished product is a dream come true. "When I actually had the book in my hands after it got printed, it was probably one of the most elevating experiences in my entire life," he said. "Up until this point, it had been essentially a digital abstraction on my computer screen, a bunch of ideas—certainly written down, recorded, carefully arranged, but in the end it was still that digital media. When I finally had it in my hands, it was like it was real."

The finished product did bring one fear to light, however. Friends and family would be reading it, probably for the first time, and the poetry is personal. "The scariest part [is] the idea that people will analyze what you've written and try to draw conclusions out of that, about who you are and what you do," Taylor said. "In reality, I am who I am, and I do what I do."

And Taylor does much more than writing poetry. He is currently working on a novel, tentatively called *University*, which he plans to finish in a year. He's also started a children's book in the style of Chris van Allsburg.

Still, "I didn't do this overnight. I've got eight years of stuff; I've probably been writing for 10 or 11. In

some ways [*Tendrali*] was a test run for [my] novel, to see if it was a viable medium," he said. "I'm fairly pleased with how the book came out."

Taylor also recently started a media company called Recktified Media—"reck" as in Rambling Reck. "Right now its sole purpose is the sale and promotion of my book." He hopes to open it to other artists to market their products. "It's a media corporation, so it's not just print media, it's also promotion of bands, making T-shirts, audio production and distribution," Taylor said.

Marketing his own book will be good practice. During April, which is National Poetry Month, Taylor plans to set up a card table with copies of his book at events and readings.

So poet, novelist, musician (did we mention

he's in a band?), tutor, businessman or engineer? Who knows? "I'd be pretty happy as an engineer, honestly, especially considering I spent five years preparing for that," Taylor said. "As it is, I think I could be the happiest writing. You know, Mark Twain said it best: 'I became a writer and I haven't worked another day in my entire life.'"

For more information about *Tendrali* and Recktified Media, visit [www.recktified.com](http://www.recktified.com). To purchase *Tendrali*, visit [www.lulu.com/mlt](http://www.lulu.com/mlt).



# Projects, tests or papers? Assessing assessments

*While a certain type may be more common in a given major, that doesn't mean it's preferred*

By Narendhra Seshadri  
Contributing Writer

Ask a frustrated student what assignment he or she is so worried about, and it's easy to guess what the answer will be based on his or her major. For engineering students, it's a free-response test or homework set. For Ivan Allen students, it will probably be an essay or paper. Management majors always seem to be working on group assignments and putting together PowerPoint presentations.

Why is it that some classes and majors seem entrenched in their types of assessments? Most students are used to one type or another, but given the chance to think about it, what would they really prefer—a test, a project or something else?

Jonathan Dechko, a fifth-year Management major, prefers projects to

tests simply because “they [provide] a hands-on approach to the material and give applied learning instead of random memorization of facts.”

But some engineering majors prefer projects as well. “[Projects are] a different way to express one's abilities,” said Felix Boachie, a third-year Biomedical Engineering major. With tests, he said, “[even if] you know all the material, you could still end up failing.”

Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) graduate student Ari Zachas agreed. “[I] prefer projects mainly because projects allow more thought into the problems” as compared to tests, he said.

Nafeez Taher, also an ECE graduate student, said,

“For graduate courses, almost all major classes have some projects according to my experience. I feel like tests still count for a much higher percentage of the grade than they should be. I learn much more by doing a project than by learning for a test.”

Projects were also beneficial for a sometimes-overlooked part of the student population. Courtney Wright, a graduate student in Operations Re-

search, said she enjoys the “broad, low-stress, high-collaboration” involvement in projects. Also, as a distance-learning student, “they were a great way to put me in touch with other students in the class.”

Some students said projects had another benefit over tests: first-year Biology major Chatruckan Rajendra said that projects alleviate the stress of Tech's rigorous curriculum since they are “easier to make an A on” compared to tests, even if they involve more team meetings.

Not all students are fond of projects, especially group projects. Many complain that there are always one or two slackers that rarely show up for meetings, and turn in below-average work affecting the entire group's grade.

Amin Rida, a fourth-year Electrical Engineering major, prefers tests because “you learn a lot more while studying for a test.”

He feels that group projects don't work out well because the work always piles up on a few people. In his Computer Communications class, for example, Rida said the group project is unclear, which makes it harder to understand the material.

“Tests [force] you to go through your notes and to learn from class,” said ECE graduate student Elisabeth Rotrou. “[Most students] start projects too late so you work a lot until the last minute but at the end, you don't remember all you've done.”

Ron Tsai, a Mechanical Engineering junior, said he hates projects. “It is so hard to organize everyone's schedules,” he said. Also, depending on your group members, “[you] might not get the grade you deserve.”

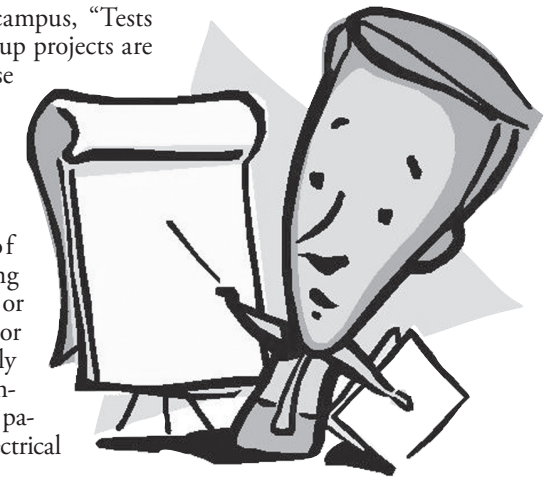
And group projects can also be a hassle for students in the Distance Learning program. While group projects may allow them to interact

with students on campus, “Tests work better...as group projects are a bit tedious because of logistics,” said Sheila Lukesh, a distance learning student in Industrial Engineering.

Regardless of whether engineering students prefer tests or projects, many senior design courses usually involve an oral presentation and a research paper. The School of Electrical and Computer Engineering requires students to take Project Engineering and Professional Practice, a class that involves presentations and research papers to enhance their communication skills, instead of the usual problem-oriented homework or programming assignments.

Operations Research graduate student Lindy Sellars said she felt a combination of tests and projects is usually a good balance.

“A mix of tests and a term project drives home the applications of the theories and skills learned in the class,” Sellars said. Her classes reflect that philosophy: “Twenty-five percent of the classes give only tests and no projects; 75 percent of the classes give both,” she said. Sellars, who is currently framing a business plan for her management course, said, “We usually have two major tests



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ECE graduate student

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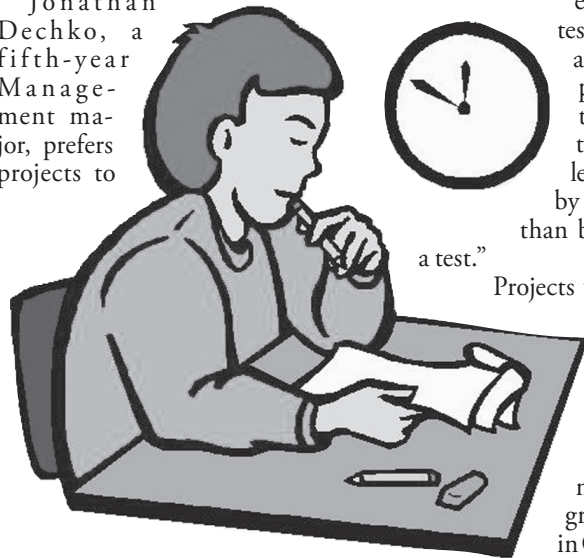
However, the stereotypes seem to hold true when it comes to engineering versus liberal arts.

Rida said he feels writing assignments don't “work out well for ECE

courses” because they are more technical.

On the other hand, freshman Public Policy major Ann Schneider said, “Tests are just cramming down the material, while projects are better especially for students who do not work well under pressure.”

She expressed a dislike for multiple choice tests, preferring writing assignments and group projects. “[Multiple choice tests] don't necessarily help you in the long run, because in the workplace you will be writing plans and working on projects—not taking tests.”



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## Women from page 9

found that women in the science and engineering disciplines in fact had higher IQs, grades and other performance indicators that would refute the “intrinsic aptitude” claim. “They were able to...overcome social barriers to stay in [these fields]... that’s something that has been demonstrated again and again,” she said.

### Society vs. genetics

All the faculty members interviewed also emphasized their belief that social and environmental factors were much more important to a woman’s success in science and engineering than aptitude.

“[There is] compelling evidence of the power of small differences in how we treat boys and girls, men and women,” said Mahera Philobos, an academic professional in the School of Civil Engineering and the director of Women in Engineering. “Those differences, I would argue, provide a better hypothesis than innate sex differences to explain the gap between the numbers of men and women in academic jobs in the sciences.”

For Nersessian, who earned undergraduate degrees in physics and philosophy and whose background is in cognitive science, social factors played a role in her own advancement as well.

“I never found being a woman an impediment to studying science,” she said. “But I also realized...why am I not a theoretical physicist: because even though I did well, none of my professors really ever encouraged me to go to graduate school in physics.”

For Steinbart, the idea of a “critical mass” that makes an environment more conducive to women was a factor when she was applying to graduate school. “I didn’t necessarily want to go where I would be one of two or three female grad students in the program...there’s kind of a magic number: you don’t have to be in the

majority, but once you get up to...a sizable minority, that just feels more comfortable.”

### Women in academia

Another issue brought up by Summers that was addressed by faculty was the issue of women not wanting to work in a “high-powered, intense” workplace.

“That’s extremely misleading,” Philobos said. “First of all, no one [set] this as a condition for advancement. If this is true, then that concept should be changing, not the other way around.”

Steinbart agreed, and said that when it comes to academia, “there are certain things that the workplace can do,” such as flexible hours and

**“It’s not, ‘Because we don’t lower standards, that’s why we don’t have any women.’”**

**Enid Steinbart**  
Dir. of Advising, School of Mathematics

being able to take time off from the tenure clock without penalty for raising a child.

Steinbart also said in the recruitment process, diversifying the faculty was not an issue of lowering standards. “It’s not, ‘Because we don’t lower standards, that’s why we don’t have any women,’” she said.

In fact, in an article she published in February, Fox found that women in science who have children publish as much or more often than women in science who have no children.

Philobos also talked about the efforts of the administration to increase women students and faculty. “There is a long way to go, but we have accomplished a lot on this campus, and I’m sure it has a

lot to do with the administration,” Philobos said.

However, according to Wendy Newstetter, director of Learning Sciences Research for the School of Biomedical Engineering, Summers’ comments can serve as a reminder to Tech to be mindful of the gender gap. Based on conversations with former faculty and personal experience, Newstetter discussed the possibly of implicit discrimination against women in the workplace, “in the way that people are treated, the way people are either included or marginalized,” she said.

“Georgia Tech would be deluding itself if it were to imagine that this kind of systematic marginalization... is not going on here,” she said.

### More statistics

Instead of focusing on the low number of women in science and engineering, some faculty pointed out the need to look at other statistics.

“I don’t think it’s an issue of just numbers of women in science, it’s what happens to you when you get your degree,” Fox said. “I think that we now have stood the test of time... we have pretty significant groups of women of some of the scientific fields such as the life sciences...and even chemistry.”

This may be due to an attraction to “new sciences,” Newstetter said, pointing out that during the early days of computer science and information technology, the percentage of women in computing was much higher than today.

This is clearly the case with biomedical engineering, which, according to Newstetter, is one of the few engineering majors at Tech that is 50 percent women.

The school’s first Ph.D class, in fact, was all female. Interestingly, Newstetter noted, though a number of students from that class are close to finishing their Ph.Ds, “Of those that I have talked with, none of them are planning to go into academia,” Newstetter said.

## Teach from page 9

Students coming to the library to work or study passed by the exhibits, occasionally stopping to talk with the presenters or find out more about what the posters and projects were about. “We’re in the library; they have to see what they’re doing whether they want to or not,” Llewellyn laughed.

Llewellyn said that the presenters may have gotten more out of the event than the students, though “I hope that we reached some students,” she said. Their location in the library also helped draw students who may not have known about Teaching Day to the presenters. “If they saw professors they knew, they stopped and [were like], oh, what are you doing here?” she said.

Teaching fellows such as Michael Elliott, associate professor of City and Regional Planning and Public Policy, presented a case study in environmental policy issues. Jerry Ulrich, associate professor of Music and Director of Choral Activities, played CDs of the chorus singing.

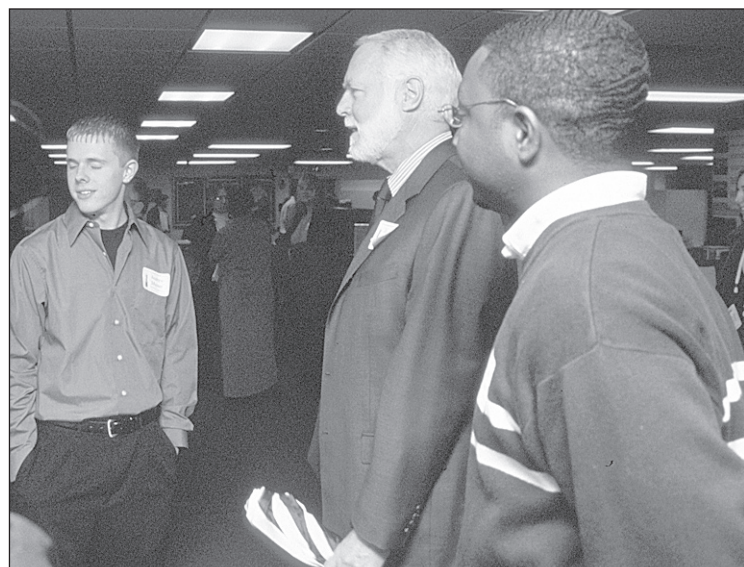
“It was nice to see music since it’s not always represented as part of Tech,” Llewellyn said.

STEP fellows presented posters and multimedia displays: for example, a STEP fellow from Marietta had a presentation on a laser lab. There were a few fun presentations as well. Matthew Baker, an assistant professor in the School of Mathematics, did magic tricks.

“The faculty projects were great this year...they generated a lot of good interest,” Llewellyn said.

President Clough also stopped by the event to talk to presenters and students. “The one really nice thing is President Clough always makes the time to come,” Llewellyn said.

“I think that shows a commitment from the top of how important teaching is on this campus,” something that students don’t always think about, she said. “[Clough] spent a good half hour walking around and talking to people at their posters, really finding out what people were doing, and I think that really had an impact on people doing the presenting and the people walking through.”



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President Clough took half an hour to talk to presenters during Teaching Day. CETL Director Donna Llewellyn applauded Clough’s attendance each year as evidence of his commitment to teaching.

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Two Bits Man breaks the news to those caught unaware. Break is over and it's time to go back to class. **Page 15**

## CREW FLOATS ON

Tech's four-man crew teams took first, second and third places at Lake Lanier last weekend. **Page 21**

# Tech hosts anime, gaming convention

Joshua Cuneo  
Senior Staff Writer

Men and women walk the halls of the Student Center clad in catsuits (literally) and blood-spattered robes, wielding tin foil swords. Tech Rec is packed with students playing Halo, bowling and dancing. The hottest anime videos are broadcast to viewers over the wide-screen TV in the Student Center Commons.

This is Georgia Tech.

Or, more specifically, this is MomoCon, Tech's first ever anime and gaming convention. Hosted last weekend by Anime-O-Tekku, Tech's anime club, the event attracted over 750 guests and showed the world just how geeky Tech could be.

Anybody who attended had the opportunity to experience a variety of attractions. Special rooms were set aside for artists and dealers in anime and gaming-related merchandise to sell their products.

The convention staff hosted panels in other rooms on topics ranging from gender roles in anime and gaming to an anime trivia challenge. The entire third floor of the Student Center was set up with tables and gaming consoles for serious video and role-playing gamers.

But perhaps the most popular feature was in the Student Center Theater, where students armed with laptops projected a continuous stream of anime music videos

onto the screen. The music ranged from popular hits like U2's "Sunday Bloody Sunday" to offbeat songs like Loudon Wainwright III's "I Wish I Was a Lesbian" to hilarious surprises like the Mentos ad jingle.

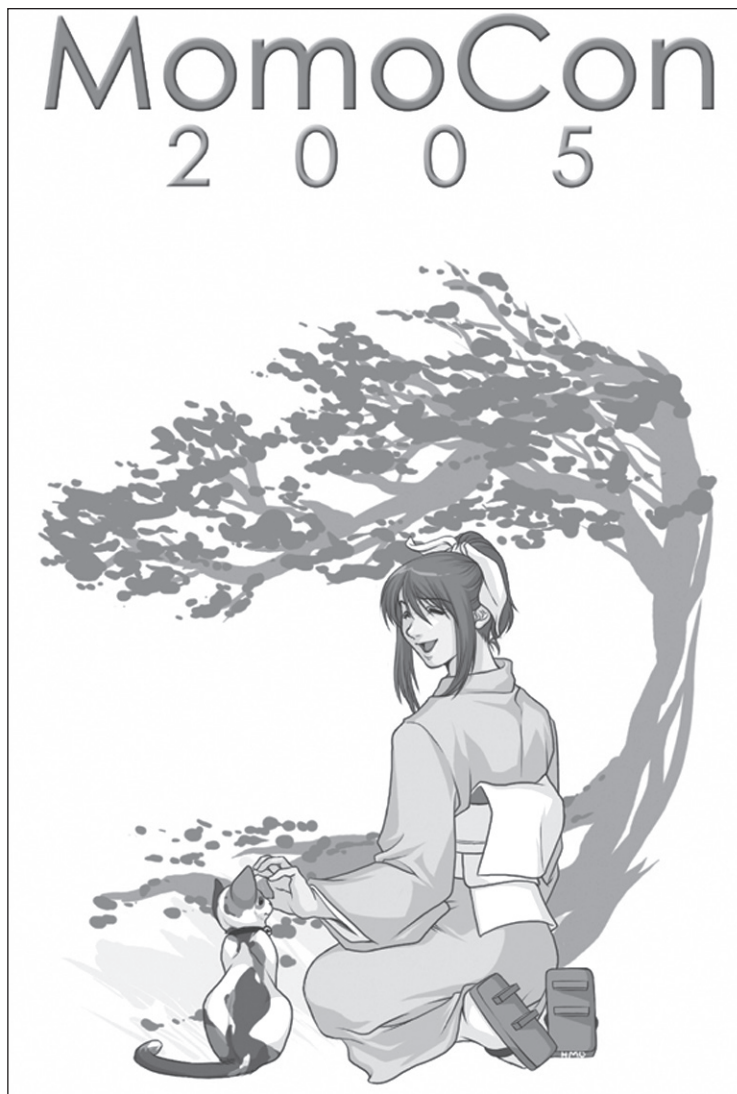
I admit I was a little skeptical when I first walked into the Student Center Saturday morning. It was a fledgling convention, and I had only a moderate interest in both anime and gaming. I half-expected to sit around watching *Ranma ½* reruns and Magic card battles for a couple of hours, then leave and that would be the end of it.

Instead, I found myself wrapped up in the whole event, and I had a heck of a time tearing myself away to go study for my algorithms exam later that week. The panels, while touch and go, were exciting, and I found myself continually sucked back into the music video room whenever I tried to leave.

And I loved admiring the time and effort that the attendees had put into their costumes and full-body makeup. (Let me tell you, you've never really seen a Jawa until you've watched one walk past Pandini's.)

The effort and dedication on the part of the convention staff was apparent in the sheer size and scope of the event. I loved the variety of attractions and the enthusiasm that radiated from all the attendees.

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Artwork courtesy MomoCon

# Bullock reprises role in *Congeniality 2*

By Amanda Dugan  
Staff Writer

"You love me. You want to kiss me," were among the last words of *Miss Congeniality*'s Gracie Hart. Sandra Bullock returns as FBI agent Hart in *Miss Congeniality 2: Armed and Fabulous*, only it is a desperate FBI trying to improve their image that loves her, not her boyfriend.

This sequel picks up three weeks after her eventful Miss USA pageant

mission only to find Gracie back to her pre-makeover masculine self. However, after her cover is blown during a bank robbery due to her recent notoriety, she is left with no choice but to become the public representative for the FBI.

It was hard not to feel sorry for the boyish Gracie in the original, but her character in the sequel sometimes leaves you wanting to gag because of her pretentiousness. She quickly transforms into FBI Barbie and goes

on a publicity tour to promote her tell-all book.

Surprisingly, any hope of continuing Gracie's love interest from the original is quickly dashed as we witness her breakup within the first few scenes.

Removing the romance from what could have easily been another romantic comedy was a smart move to keep the sequel interesting and different from the original.

Instead of a smart-mouthed

male counterpart playing opposite Bullock, Regina King steps in as Agent Sam Fuller. Their differences and the development of their friendship carry the movie past its similar Hart-saves-the-day plot.

King's character is portrayed too often as the angry black woman stereotype whom no one else will work with besides Hart. However, with the demanding Hart treating Fuller as her assistant rather than partner much of the anger is well



Photo courtesy Warner Bros. Pictures

Sandra Bullock reprises her role as FBI agent Gracie Hart in the sequel to the 2000 romantic comedy, *Miss Congeniality*. This time around she is joined by Regina King who co-stars as Hart's new partner.

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deserved.

Their conflicts lead to interesting and very physical fights. Women doing physical comedy isn't expected and that is part of what makes it work well in *Miss Congeniality 2*.

Hart and Fuller end up pulling it together in an effort to save Hart's friend, Miss USA, who has been kidnapped in Las Vegas.

The plot becomes predictable as the closer it gets to the kidnapper's

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# Cassandra Wilson to sing at Rialto

Cassandra Wilson, jazz singer extraordinaire, will be coming to the Rialto Center for the Performing Arts in downtown Atlanta this Friday, April 1. Her significant repertoire ranges from modern pop to Delta Blues, and the show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets range from \$32 to \$56.

# Maybe they have tips for dorms, too

Through Sunday, April 3, the Georgia World Congress Center will be hosting the Atlanta Home Show, an exhibition featuring products and services for the home, seminars, and home improvement celebrities Carter Oosterhouse (Trading Spaces) and Eric Stromer (Clean Sweep). The show is open Friday 12 p.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10, \$3 for children ages six to 12 and kids five and younger get in free.

# Don't settle for Less Than Jake

Tonight, your favorite pop/ska/punk explosion is coming to the Masquerade. Less Than Jake will be playing at the Masquerade with Allister, Hidden In Plain View and Days Away. The show is general admission, starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$15.

# Make some time to see the Time

Funk and R&B group and all-around Prince collaborators Morris Day and the Time are coming to the Tabernacle tomorrow, Saturday, April 2. The show starts at 7 p.m. and tickets cost \$30.50.

# Last days to catch 30 plays in one

Today and tomorrow will be the last days to catch *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind* at Dad's Garage. The play, really a series of 30 plays staged over the course of 60 minutes, is put on by Chicago's Neo-Futurists. Show times are 8 p.m. on Friday and 12 p.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday. Tickets are \$15.

# 'Tis the season of good rock shows

Tomorrow night, April 2, rock bands Papa Roach, Trust Company and No Warning will be making a stop at the Roxy Theatre. The three bands kicked off their tour this week and are traveling together in support of their respective albums. The show is general admission, standing room only and tickets are \$20. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the bands start playing at 8 p.m.



## Mac, Kutcher deliver comic performance in *Guess Who*



Photo courtesy Sony Pictures

By **Swathy Prithivi**  
Contributing Writer

A movie involving the contemporary complexities of interracial dating and the awkwardness of meeting the parents makes for interesting viewing, especially when Bernie Mac and Ashton Kutcher play the father-in-law and groom respectively.

Percy Jones (Mac) is the ever vigilant, over-protective father and when his daughter Theresa (Zoe Saldana) announces her intention to bring home her live-in boyfriend to her parents' 25th anniversary party, Jones has the boy's credit report checked out and heartily approves of both him and his net worth.

The thing Theresa conveniently forgets to tell him is that her boyfriend, Simon Green (Kutcher) is white and that he

has proposed and they are now engaged.

How Green manages to stay with the love of his life and her father amidst bad sofa-beds, snoring, racial jokes, male bashing girl-powwows and even some car racing forms the rest of the plot.

Directed by Kevin Rodney Sullivan, whose previous works include *Barbershop 2* and *How Stella Got Her Groove Back*, the movie stars Judith Scott as the understanding, empathetic mother-in-law and Kellee Stewart as Theresa's sister Keisha who shows her support by declaring that she never has to worry about being scolded again as her sister was the "one who brought home the white boy."

Mac shines in his role as a

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Everybody was having a good time, and it showed.

I even had a chance to sit down with Jessica Merriman, president of Anime-O-Tekku and director of MomoCon.

Merriman is a self-proclaimed anime and gaming nerd, breaking every gender stereotype by freely admitting that she's happiest when she's holding a game controller in her hands.

"Gaming is near and dear to my heart," said Merriman, a third-year Management major.

MomoCon was first conceived in late June of last year, when Anime-O-Tekku broke with TechwoodCon—a smaller gaming convention hosted on campus every January—and formed its own convention. Starting with a budget of zero, the club's staff toiled over the next 10 months, reserving rooms and contacting as many artists, dealers and sponsors as they could find.

"I've been begging and pleading for events and companies since June...I e-mailed so many webcomics, it made my eyes spin," Merriman said.

"They got the exposure though our website, [and] we got exposure because we had lots of guests!"

The convention was always intended to be free. The staff broke even through buy-in tournaments, dealers' and artists' fees and outside sponsorship.

Making the convention work also required an exorbitant amount of advertising. Merriman and her staff spent months hanging posters and flyers at arcades and comic shops around Atlanta, as well as posting in online forums. *Newtype*, a

popular anime magazine, mentioned MomoCon in its February issue, and many heard about it simply by word of mouth.

"The *Newtype* and the word-of-mouth advertising probably contributed [to] the fact that we had a very young audience at the convention," Merriman said.

In fact, there was a low turnout of Tech students. The vast majority of the attendees included high school students, older anime fans,

**"[We] were a buttload better than a lot of cons... The gaming is so much better and less stinky. Although the dealer's room was kind of stinky."**

**Jessica Merriman**  
MomoCon director

students of other local colleges and young children accompanied by their parents.

Overall, Merriman estimates that the staff logged in thousands of hours of work.

"I put in 40-hour weeks over Christmas," she said.

"[The staff] put in a buttload of hours in the last five days...People that get things done. I like that. Even if it's at the last minute and they scare the crap out of me and they pull it out of their butt."

Nevertheless, they all agree that

the event was a fantastic success, especially for a first-year convention.

"I have a big smile on my face for a reason. [We] were a buttload better than a lot of other cons...The gaming is so much better and less stinky. Lots less stinky. Although the dealer's room was kind of stinky," Merriman said.

Plans are already in the works for MomoCon 2006. The tentative date is being bumped up from this year to coincide with the first weekend of spring break and to avoid the Easter holiday. In addition, the staff hopes to reserve the ballroom for the dealers, offer an anime and gaming music concert and make food readily available. (Much to my chagrin, all of the restaurants in the Student Center were closed.)

"I would love for...the Food Court to be open when there's 700 people here," Merriman said.

"I'm sure they'd make a lot of money. Tech Rec was open, and [they were] worried they wouldn't make any money, but...on DDR alone [they] probably made more than [they] make in a week."

The tentative theme for next year is Tsukimi, or moon viewing, to coincide with the vernal equinox on March 20, 2006.

"There's a lot of mythology about a rabbit on the moon making rice dumplings and something like that, and hopefully we'll be able to have an outside moon viewing," Merriman said.

"I'm going to wear my kimono because I have a real kimono."

Merriman also hopes to encourage more involvement from the student body.

"More Tech people should come!" she said. "I want it to be a Georgia Tech event. I don't want it to be an anime club event."

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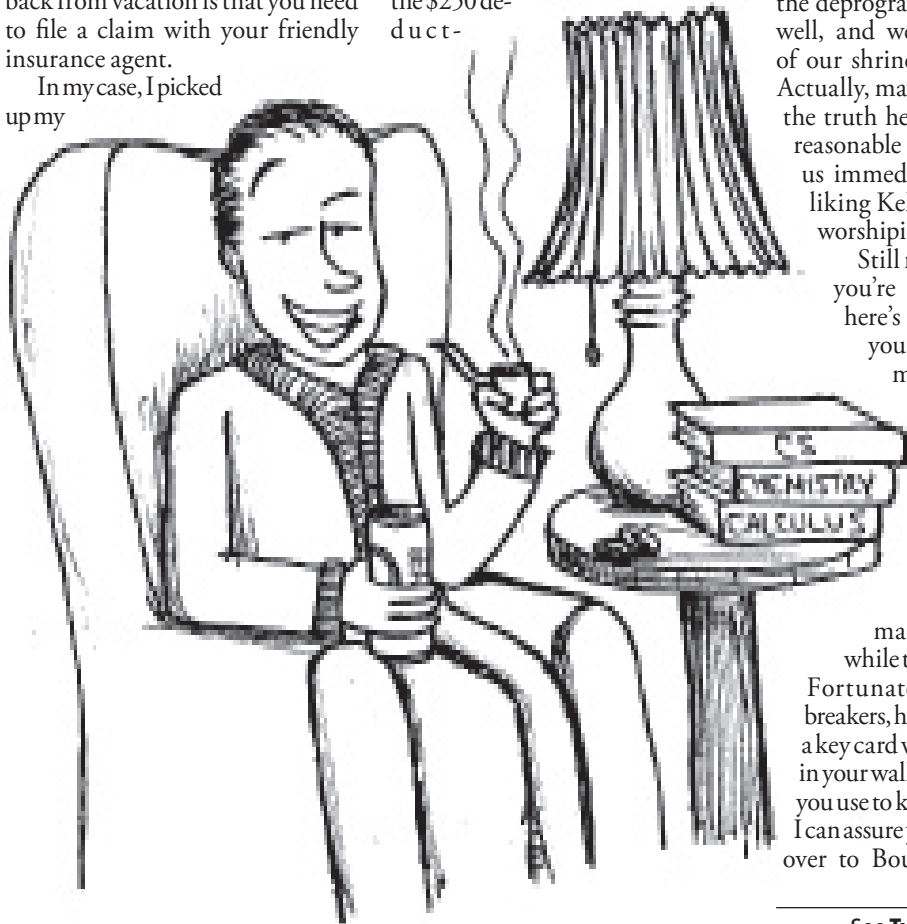
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As far as my insurance company is concerned, my truck has seen more asteroids than any major observatory on the planet. I just pretend that the \$250 deduct-

So when we respond to them, we will be telling them that we were seduced by a cult, but fortunately the deprogramming has gone very well, and we've gotten rid of all of our shrines to Kelly Clarkson. Actually, maybe we should just tell the truth here. I suspect that any reasonable company would fire us immediately if we hinted at liking Kelly Clarkson, let alone worshipping her.

Still not convinced yet that you're back at Tech? Well, here's a hint for you. I bet you found your keys this morning. Even if they were at the bottom of the hamper with a random stranger's naughties on top of them, the important thing is that you found them.

Most people can't make a claim like this while they're on spring break. Fortunately for most spring breakers, hotels these days give you a key card which fits conveniently in your wallet, the same wallet that you use to keep your booze money. I can assure you that I never ambled over to Bourbon Street without



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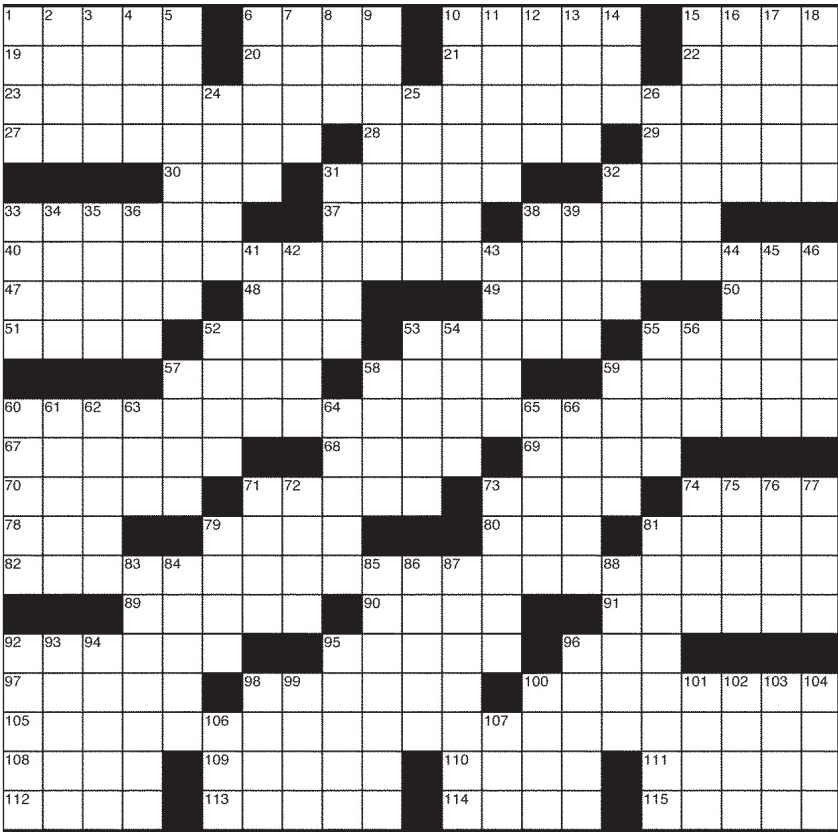
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59. Without  
60. Caribbean dance  
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63. AFL partner  
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66. Appliance  
71. Names, informally  
72. 1990 Jane Fonda role  
73. Genghis Khan follower  
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75. Pencil puzzle  
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86. Holy figure  
87. Scare for acres, e.g.  
88. Arrests  
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93. Slipknot  
94. Kitchen gadget  
95. Fireplace features

96. Jars  
98. Draft board decision  
99. Hindu title  
100. Priestly vestments  
101. Grounds for a suit  
102. Fledgling  
103. Sierra Club subj.  
104. Editor's mark  
106. Work unit  
107. \_\_\_ Miss

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ransom deadline, the more it appears no one but Hart seems to have the right answers.

Still, the antics of Hart and Fuller are reminiscent of classic buddy films but with an estrogen edge.

The grand finale race to save the captive beauty queen includes pirates, drag queens, casinos and Hart donning a troublesome, bright yellow showgirl costume with feathers.

With such outrageous stunts, this is a movie that could only be set in Vegas. *Miss Congeniality 2* finishes with a bit of a campy feel as Gracie realizes she must be true to herself, snorting laughter and all.

The sequel provides just as many laughs as the original without leaving you feeling inadequate for not being beauty pageant gorgeous or in a great relationship.

In the end *Miss Congeniality 2* is good because it has what so many recent sequels have lacked: a bit of originality, a fun character to watch in Gracie Hart and a new story for us to watch her live.

**Guess** from page 14

father who would put a boyfriend of any race through caustic surveillance.

Kutcher's character, with the lack of positive male role models in his life, draws out the paternal instinct in Percy.

Their surprising yet genuine chemistry makes for a refreshing entertainer.

However, the lead actors do not seem to be given much creative freedom to explore their comic side through their characters.

The movie also doesn't do justice to the comedy's theme of interracial dating and cultural differences. Instead of discussing anything slightly

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risqué or insightful about differences between races in approach or culture, the plot sticks to sitcom-like, strictly feel-good scenarios.

The material in the movie is not meant to make anyone uncomfortable and that makes it seem a little contrived.

It had its share of awkward moments between the characters, but most of those stemmed from the awkwardness of "meeting the parents," which has been done.

If you expect a smart, sassy comedy about the ups and downs of interracial dating, forget about it.

But for some entertaining, yet unlikely, male bonding between the almost ghetto Mac and the nerdy white boy Kutcher, this should be your pick, hands down without any guesses.

**TwoBits** from page 15

my wallet, because good looks and nudity only get you free drinks during Mardi Gras. In late March, you have to settle for a photo op with some Japanese tourists.

Okay, I'm still trying to convince you that you're back at Tech, so this either means that you're such a diehard partier that you don't care about senior design, keys or windshields, or, you're so anal retentive that you actually remember those things even when you are on spring break, so here's the real sign that you're back from spring break: you're reading a *Technique*.

Now, I realize that this publication is an excellent fish wrapper, birdcage liner or oil pan for you

shadetree mechanics, but if you're actually reading the *Nique*, then you are obviously desperate for entertainment.

This kind of desperation only comes from going to class on a Friday. I know, because while you're

reading this, I'm probably also trying not to nod off. In fact, I'll even read this column and think, "Gee, the Two Bits Man really sucks," and then I'll get mad at myself for putting self-deprecating humor in such an otherwise uplifting column.

Of course, your return to school could have been nothing more than some cosmic joke. Some horrible prank to remind you that there is life outside of Tech, and that you had to return. If that's the case, this is the Two Bits man wishing you a happy April Fool's.

**"I can assure you that I never ambled over to Bourbon Street without my wallet, because good looks and nudity only get you free drinks during Mardi Gras."**

**Q.E.D.**

Original Comic Strip



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28 2/3 straight innings and is now eighth all-time in the NCAA with 1,244 career strikeouts.

Sallinger was named the National Player of the Week for her incredible work against FSU, which included a no-hitter and a save on Saturday and a one-hitter on Sunday. This is the first time a Tech player has been honored with the award.

"I am most proud of her composure. Early in the season she got some bad calls and allowed those things to affect her concentration but within last two or three weeks she has put all those things behind her and has stayed really composed. I don't think there is more anyone can do than what she is doing now," Earleywine said.

The remaining season for Tech includes regular season conference games, game against non-conference opponents including in-state rival Georgia and the ACC Tournament. "It is starting to get more serious as stakes are getting higher. I just hope that when the game gets big, our better players will rise to top and make big plays," Earleywine said.

According to Earleywine, although the World Series is still far away but certainly something about which to look forward.

"It's a hope for sure. We have been to regional for the last few years, so it's the next step. We don't talk much about it, but it's our goal. We focus on our technique, our efforts, our fundamentals and teamwork and then the results will be favorable if you do those things right," he said.

# Crew squads sprint into spring season

By Patrick Odneal  
Assistant Sports Editor

Last week during spring break while most students were relaxing, the Tech crew team was practicing twice a day in preparation for their spring season. Their work paid off as the team competed in the Lanier Sprints at Lake Lanier in Gainesville, Ga.

In the men's four-man race, Tech entered four teams and took the top three places. "Tech went one, two and three with our heavyweights getting first, lightweights getting second and our second heavyweight boat getting third," said sophomore crewmate John Kapteyn.

"The women's boats did pretty well, too, in the fours. The lightweights got second actually racing against heavyweights just to get a little more competition," Kapteyn said.

The men's heavyweight eight-man boat also took first in the competition that featured teams from around the country.

"The big competition there this year was Colby, a varsity program

**"It's a ton more exciting than fall races [against the clock] when you're going head to head [in spring competition]."**

**John Kapteyn**  
Sophomore crew

from Maine. We beat them in all three races we entered," Kapteyn said.

On March 12 the team traveled to Aiken, S.C. for the SERCS regatta, but the competition was cancelled partway through because of high winds.

"The weather was just horrendous. The wind was gusting up 30 to 35 miles per hour, so it was nearly impossible to actually complete a 2000-meter race," Kapteyn said.

In the spring season the regattas have 2000-meter races, whereas in the fall season the

teams race 5000 meters and compete against the clock rather than going head-to-head.

"In the fall you race 5000 meters so it's a little slower race, and you race against the clock instead of against other boats. Spring races on the other hand are 2000 meters and there are six lanes," Kapteyn said. "It's a ton more exciting than fall races when you're going head to head."

Tomorrow the team competes in Oak Ridge, Tenn. in the John Hunter Regatta, an event that the Tech team actually hosts. The race was hosted last year at Lake Lanier but was



By Darren Sabino / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**The crew team competed in the Lanier Sprints and had an impressive showing from the four-man boats, who won the top three places.**

moved in part to accommodate for a wider field of competition. "Having it further north you can make the regatta more accessible to teams around the country," Kapteyn said.

The team will return to Oak Ridge April 15 and 16 for the Southern Intercollegiate Rowing Association (SIRA) regatta, which is the last scheduled meet before the Dad Vail Regatta in Philadelphia.

"The Dad Vails is kind of like our nationals," said Kapteyn, who noted a personal goal of helping his lightweight four-man team win that meet.

The heavyweight squad has also seen noticeable improvements over last year. "This year relative to last year our heavyweights are a lot more competitive," Kapteyn said. "I think team goals overall for the heavyweights is to do real well at the SIRAs. I think they also want to try to make the grand finals at Vails."

Tech crew started in 1985 and has been burgeoning ever since. The club team had more than 100 rowers participate this fall, and they encourage all newcomers to join the club. More information can be found at [gtcrew.com](http://gtcrew.com).



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Tech finished off the sweep with a come-from-behind effort in the third game of the series. The Jackets scored six runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to move ahead 8-5, but the Wolfpack responded by tying up the game in the top of the sixth inning. They scored two more runs to put the Jackets down 10-8 going into the bottom of the ninth. Slayden and Kindel led off the inning with singles before Weiters doubled in a run to bring the score to 10-9. Tyler Greene hit a two-RBI single to end the game and give the Jackets the victory.

“To be down on Sunday against one of the best closers in the country [and win] was just a big accomplishment by our team,” Hall said. “We played very well in the ACC so far.”

In a midweek contest, Tech lost to Auburn after giving up a 6-3 lead after seven innings. The Tigers opened up scoring in the top of the second inning, but the Jackets responded by putting five runs on the board in the bottom half of the inning. The Tigers tied the game with two runs in the top of the ninth and broke the score in the top of the 11th when Jeff Donaldson scored on a two out wild pitch.

“I think that Auburn is a very good team,” Head Coach Danny Hall said. “Last weekend, they went to [No. 4] LSU and won two of three. It’s disappointing to lose a game like that when you feel you had won or had a very good chance of winning, but give Auburn credit for taking advantage of the ball bouncing their

way. They have a great stadium and will have a lot of fans, but we are going over there to play them and see if we can even the score.”

Miami took the opening game of the series last weekend, but the Jackets rebounded to take the final two and improve to 11-1 in the conference.

The Hurricanes opened up by scoring nine runs in the first inning on only one hit and saw Jason Neighborgall in

his worst outing of the year by far. Neighborgall gave up seven runs on no hits while walking six and hitting one. He only retired one batter, and he threw three wild pitches.

“Getting blown out on Friday night like we did and then bouncing back to win the series

shows a lot of character from our guys,” Hall said. “Anytime you can win two games down there against [Miami] you have to be proud of your team.”

The Jackets won the second game of the series 17-7. In the process of the game, the Jackets managed to record 22 hits and tied the record for the most given up in a game by the Hurricanes. The Jackets batted around three times including a six-run 7th inning that broke the game open and gave the team a decisive 16-6 lead.

Sunday’s rubber match had the characteristics of what the entire series was expected to be like. The Jackets needed a ninth inning rally to win 11-10. The Hurricanes scored four runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to take a 7-5 lead and would extend the lead to 9-6 at the end of the seventh. The Jackets rallied with one run in the eighth to close

the gap to 9-6.

Steven Blackwood led off the inning with a walk and Slayden was hit by a pitch to put the tying run on. Kindel tied the game with a two-run RBI double. Weiters gave the Jackets the lead hitting a two-run homer down the right field line.

The Hurricanes’ rally was cut short as they were only able to score one run in their half of the ninth and fell one run short.

Tyler Greene had his career long 18-game hitting streak snapped after going 0-5 in the game.

With the wins over spring break Hall set a new school record for wins by a head coach. Hall recorded his 505th victory in his 12th season with the Jackets. Hall passes current Miami head coach Jim Morris who went 504-244-1 from 1982-93.

“In a way it’s ironic that it’s against Miami and a guy that I think really meant a lot to build the program at Georgia Tech to where it is today,” Hall said. “I think the biggest thing for me beyond getting that 505th win was that we won the series, and we are in first place in the league.”

After being ranked as the No. 1 team in the nation, the Jackets fell to the Western Carolina Catamounts on Tuesday 8-5.

The Jackets led off scoring with one in the second, but Western Carolina responded with two runs in the top of third inning to take the lead.

The Jackets rallied with three runs of their own in their half of the inning. Payne led off the inning with a walk, and Greene hit a single before a double by Blackwood tied up the game for the Jackets. Greene

came in to score on a throwing error and Blackwood advanced to third to put him in position for a Wes Hodges sacrifice fly to drive him in. The Jackets added another run in the bottom of the fourth, but the Catamounts scored four runs in the top of the fifth to take the lead. The Catamounts added two insurance runs in the eighth inning, and the Jackets saw their hopes for a ninth inning comeback hopes end as Blackwood grounded into a double-play with two runners on to end the game.

“I give them credit because they got hits when they needed them, and I felt like we didn’t play very well. We gave them a bunch of unearned runs, and that’s disappointing. It can happen in

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Danny Hall  
Baseball head coach

baseball. Coming off two emotional wins in Miami, you always worry about your team having a let down,” Hall said.

Jason Neighborgall rebounded from his Friday loss to Miami by striking out the side in one inning of work against the Catamounts. Neighborgall also gave up a one-out single to WCU’s Tim Hallam who later advanced to third after taking advantage of two wild pitches. Neighborgall gave way to Ryan Turner at the start of the second inning.

“He was disappointed, and nobody felt worse than he did,” Hall said. “One of the reasons we started him out here tonight was to get him back out there again, and I’m sure that picked his spirits back up.”

The Jackets will be hosting the Maryland Terrapins in ACC action this weekend before going on the road for a rematch against Auburn on Tuesday.

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played linebacker for the Blue Devils. His grandfather on his father’s side also played basketball and ran track for the Blue Devils, making Durham a likely destination for Neighborgall.

“I loved Atlanta, the coaches here and the facilities,” Neighborgall said. “Tech always has a great program here. I wanted to experience something outside of Durham since I had been there my entire life. I just wanted to get out of there and get a real college experience.”

As expected when the hometown boy comes home, there can be a lot of hoopla following him, but Neighborgall managed to keep everything in perspective as the Jackets swept the Blue Devils earlier this season.

“I know a couple of the guys on their team, but it’s business,” Neighborgall said. “We are friends off the field, but once the game starts it’s GT versus Duke, not Jason versus his friends. I just kind of want to go out there and do the best for my team.”

Neighborgall had a strong start to the season. In his first six starts of the season, Neighborgall had a 5-0 record while striking out 41 hitters in 34 innings of work. His ERA was a very respectable 2.65, and he allowed opposing batters to hit only .220 against him. He gave up seven runs on no hits in less than an inning of work against the University of Miami on Friday. Neighborgall struck out one batter to record his only out of the game.

He walked six and hit one while throwing three wild pitches. Coach Hall gave Neighborgall the start in the Western Carolina game to help him gain some of the confidence back, and Jason responded. He pitched one inning and struck out the side while allowing one hit and throwing three wild pitches.

Neighborgall’s next start will be today against Maryland at Russ Chandler Stadium at 7 p.m.

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Tech Bitch Comics Rule!  
Maybe you should worry a little less about what your single friend does and a little more about what your boyfriend would think if he knew you were making out with other boys.  
If you have monstrous body odor, please ride in someone else’s car  
Thank you B.J., Mac, Luke, Will, and Ish!  
ahhh... tourney time... no more thursday or friday classes for me.  
are we clinging tenaciously to my buttocks?  
An era has passed- Vernard has withdrawn..  
You kicked me off the list for a fat chic...WTF!!  
Note to Walter: Saturday WAS the best day of my week.  
I no longer have L.A.A.B.’s Pants!!!  
There is a beautiful bulldawg in my room at the moment  
Whoever knocks down the parking barricade on the SAC deck needs to keep up the good work! What happend last week?  
Oh, and if possible knock it down earlier - possibly before 5:00pm Friday.  
So what’s up with GTCN editing movies? We’re all over the age of 17.  
and beside’s that Mean Girls is a PG-13 movie.  
If you show me a tech student who hasn’t said sh\*\* yet then I’ll show you someone who’s full of shi\*\*!  
1. Now that Tech is in the NCAA, can’t you all breathe easy?  
Debate tonight, racism. Find dismayed lack tolerance both sides.  
Insistence negative, affinity estrangement, eagerness disunity, anger... First display passion seen Tech. Dismayed.  
Can’t...stop...crocheting...  
Take off your hats in the buildings, people.  
What kind of wuss can’t go backpacking because his girlfriend isn’t going?  
Remember when you decided to stay home all weekend and do your chores but you played video games all weekend?

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The NCAA tournament, starting with the round of 16, is hosted by UGA, and the Jackets look forward to a possible return trip to Athens. "We're ranked sixth right now. I think it would be awesome if we could live up to that or even do better," Miller said.

But the Jackets maintain their strong work ethic despite their previous success. "I think it's important to stick with what you're doing and keep working to get better, because if you don't work to get better, then you're going to fall behind everyone else that is working hard."

"We need to keep pushing forward and not look back at what we have done. We need to keep establishing how good we really are, to keep working to improve our individual games and to keep improving as a team."

In addition to the NCAA team tournament, there are also national tournaments for individuals and doubles. If the season were to end today, Miller would qualify as an individual and the pairing of Miller and Silverio would qualify for doubles.

Miller and Silverio continue to build their chemistry together as the team's top doubles pairing.

"It's something you have to work out a little bit because you have to understand what they feel and what their tendencies are," Miller said. "I think Alison and I are starting to get the hang of that—of complementing each other. I think that's what important in chemistry—complementing each other with your best shots."

The women's team plays at Maryland today at 11 a.m. Tomorrow they play a noon match against Virginia.

Next weekend the team returns home to play Florida State on Saturday and Miami on Sunday. Then to end the season, Tech hosts Duke and UNC on April 16 and 17.

# Hoops falls to Cards in second round

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

The No. 25 Tech men's basketball season came to an untimely end in the first weekend of the NCAA tournament. The team was unable to recapture the magic and make a return trip to the final four. Despite the injuries the Jackets still battled back to find themselves ranked in the final AP poll of the season.

In a game that looked to have the same suspenseful promise as the games in last year's tournament, George Washington gave the Jackets a game for the first 30 minutes, but were unable to stop the Jackets from making a run to pull away at the midway point of the second half. The Jackets used a 12-0 run to help propel them to an 80-68 victory over the Colonials.

Tech was aided by poor free throw shooting by the Colonials who shot 4-16 from the line during the game. In stark contrast, the Jackets shot 17-22 from the line.

Despite the score, the Colonials outscored the Jackets in the paint 40-22, and the Jackets were also outscored in points off turnovers, fast break points and bench points.

Offensively, Jarrett Jack led the Jackets by scoring 20 points along with collecting six rebounds and dishing out six assists. Seniors Will Bynum and B.J. Elder each contributed with 17 and 15 points respectively.

"I didn't expect this game to be the final margin it was at the end," Head Coach Paul Hewitt said. "I thought it was going to be a one possession basketball game. Certainly the free throws probably made a difference in that. We are thankful for this win over a very good George Washington team."

The Jackets met their match in the second round of the tournament when they went up against the No.

4 Louisville Cardinals, who are now representing the Albuquerque Region in the Final Four. Despite being ranked No. 4 nationally, the Cardinals were handed a No. 4 seed in the tournament and felt like they had something to prove.

After struggling with Louisiana-Lafayette in the first round, the Cardinals came out red-hot. They hit their first six shots as well as hitting nine of the first ten from the field.

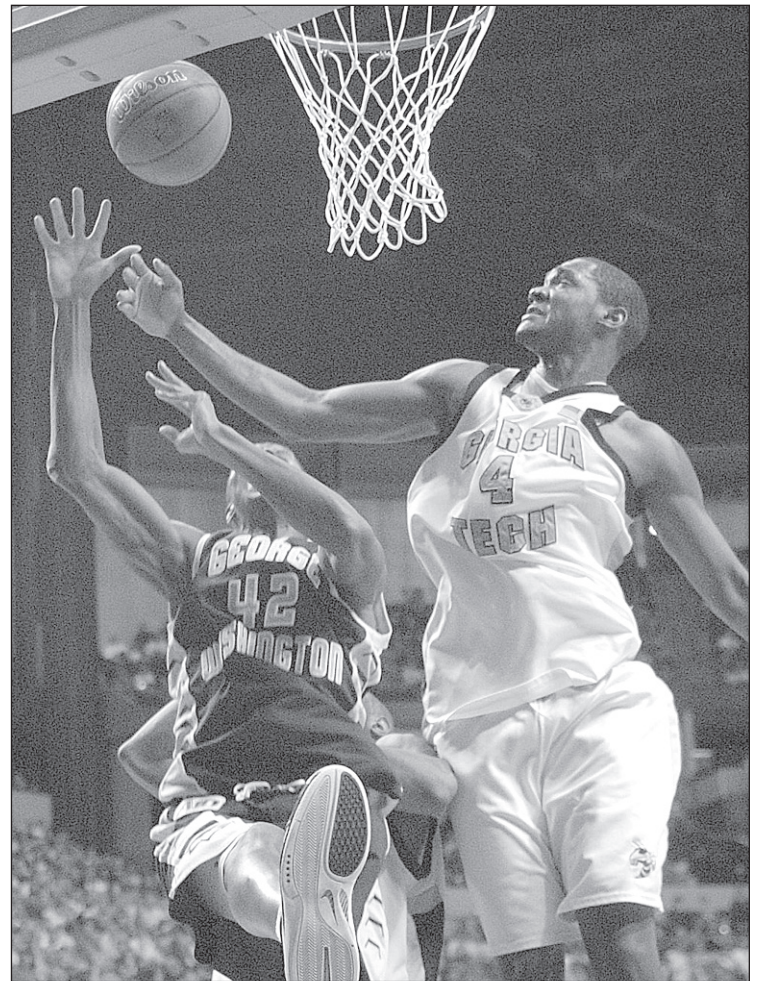
Just six minutes into the game, the Cardinals lead the Jackets 21-8. By halftime Tech was down 45-30. The Jackets were led by Jack and Luke Schenscher, who had 11 and seven points respectively, but the rest of the team couldn't find their shot in the first half.

Schenscher and Jack shot a combined 7-9 from the field during the first half, but the rest of the team contributed a measly 4-14.

Tech's stifling defense held the Cardinals to only seven points during the first ten minutes of the second half, but the Jackets were only able to move to within nine points at 52-43.

After Louisville coach Rick Pitino called a timeout, the Cardinals went on an 18-4 run to put the Jackets away, and with two minutes left in the contest Hewitt put the future on the floor and pulled his senior's out of the game for the final time.

"I'm not trying to tick anybody off, but if somebody tells me [Louisville] is a four-seed, you're nuts," Hewitt said. "You're absolutely nuts. They're as good as anyone we've played this year. This is the best screening and passing team we've played all year. They space the floor very well. They played an exquisite basketball game. They passed the ball well. They spread us out. When we took away the three, they went to the basket. They got to the foul line. They played a very good basketball



By Derrick Ma / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Freshman Ra'Sean Dickey got his first taste of the NCAA tournament. In the second round Tech lost to Louisville, who is in the final four.**

game."

With the end to the season at the hands of the Cardinals, so came an end of an era for the Jackets. With the team losing five seniors and quite possibly Jarrett Jack to the NBA, the team will be taking on a new look in the coming years. Bynum transferred in to join Hewitt's first full recruiting class that put Tech back on the national map and return to the glory that was around for much of the Bobby Cremins years.

"Tonight [after the Louisville

loss], it's about thanking our five seniors, who put the Georgia Tech basketball program back on the national map," Hewitt said. "But more important for me, the example they set for the younger guys on how to handle themselves on campus, in the classroom and in the community. If you wanted to put together a public service announcement, what a student athlete is supposed to be, I got five guys that you could follow around, and you'd see exactly what you want a student athlete to be."

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Hey, Trolley drivers... Get off your G-D cell phones and drive!

2005!!!

BTW, I'm still bitter about CS1371 last summer

Colestock should never ever be allowed anywhere near a lecturing podium

I believe, I go with you at 16 o'clock home. I have straight no desire more to work. We made our tax declarations, and that is completely beautiful exerting. Thus get me to Hell

Montag > Freeman

i don't think it would be such a bad idea for the English monarchy to fall...it serves no purpose as is.

Ra'Sean Dickey I have a huge crush on you and I AM your friend!!!

Political myth #1: You need a major in Public Policy to make it in politics! Enough with the PUBP already!

haha, i spread a virus through the prism email service...accidently

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# Tennis moves up ranks to No. 6

By Patrick Odneal  
Assistant Sports Editor

The women's tennis team continued their winning streak when they downed No. 2 UGA 4-3 on March 16. It was a thrilling come from behind victory.

"We lost the doubles point in a close match, and then we went to singles and everyone lost the first set. So we were all down, but we just hung in there and fought, and we ended up winning," said sophomore ace Alison Silverio. "It was an amazing feeling especially being at their home court and beating them."

In singles action freshman Kristi Miller beat Shadisha Robinson (2-6, 6-2, 7-6) who was ranked No. 4 in the country as an individual.

"It was amazing to beat such a good player when so much was on the line. I knew if I played well I could beat her, but I didn't expect it to be me winning the last two points in the tie breaker," Miller said.

Silverio noted a difference between this year's and last year's team. "Last year we lost a lot of close matches 4-3. We were right there with every team that was ranked ahead of us, but we couldn't get over that hump. And this year we have fought some really tough matches and were able to pull it out. It's really helped our confidence."

Tech is now ranked No. 6 in the country, the highest ranking of any tennis team in school history. Miller ranks No. 15 nationally as an individual, and on the doubles side Miller and Silverio rank No. 16 as a pair.

But Miller doesn't let the rankings go to her head. "I think about rankings only a little bit. There are a lot of good players out there, and especially when you are playing at the No. 1 position, everyone you're going to play is strong. You have to be ready for a good match no mat-



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

**Freshman Kristi Miller and sophomore Alison Silverio are the incredible duo this season. They rank No. 16 in the nation for doubles.**

ter what."

The women's team has six matches left this season—all of them against strong ACC foes—and currently stands on top of the ACC with a conference record of 4-0.

"Our goal is to win an ACC championship this year, either the season record or the ACC tournament which is coming up in three weeks," Miller said. "We've got some of the [better ACC teams] coming up. I think that's doable for us if we all play as a team and play well on those days."

The last three matches of the season are against No. 11 Miami,

No. 10 Duke and No. 16 North Carolina.

"They are going to be very exciting matches and some good tennis," Miller said.

A strong finish to the season would also put the team in good standing for the NCAA tournament. The top 16 of the 64 teams in the NCAA tournament get home-court advantage for the first two rounds.

"That was one of our goals we set at the beginning of this season—to be a top 16 team so we could host," Silverio said.

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# Neighborgall regains control on mound

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

After a rough season last year, Jason Neighborgall has rebounded this season to become the ace of the staff for Tech's baseball team.

Neighborgall was forced to tweak some of his mechanics as well as work on improving his confidence to be able to go back onto the mound and be the effective pitcher that he was recruited to be.

"I worked really hard on my mechanics," Neighborgall said. "Once I started throwing a lot more strikes, my confidence went back up. That's

pretty much what happened. I'm really confident right now, and I'm feeling good."

With the struggles that he faced last season, Neighborgall spent a lot of time on the bench during the second half of the season, and he had to reflect on what was going wrong.

"It was definitely pretty tough for me to go out there [last season] and not really know what was going on," Neighborgall said. "When I couldn't get it done out there, I knew I wasn't going to play that much. It was tough for me to sit on the bench and not play, but right now, I'm looking forward to my next start and competing."

This season Neighborgall has been instructed to go straight for

batters.

Probably right now it's always good to try and get ahead [of hitters]," Neighborgall said.

"Coach Hall and Coach Moranda have told me to just throw it in there and whatever happens, happens."

After the troubles that Neighborgall faced last season, he has brought a new perspective with him to the mound, and it has paid off for the Jackets.

"Last year, I didn't have a lot of confidence," Neighborgall said. "I didn't have the faith in myself to know that when I got behind that I could get ahead again. Worst-case scenario is that they get a hit, I'd rather do

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**Jason Neighborgall**  
Junior pitcher

that than give up a walk. I learned a lot from last year and am using it as a learning experience and something I can build on. Last year I worried about a lot of things that I couldn't control. Now, I'm just saying to myself, I'm going to throw it in there and throw a lot of strikes. I guess it's just the meanness about it. I try to be a lot more aggressive. My confidence has gone up, so I feel a lot more confident in myself to throw it in there and throw strikes."

After having several family members attend Duke, Neighborgall's commitment to Tech was a bit of a surprise to some. His father was a quarterback at Duke, and his grandfather on his mother's side

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## sliver

www.nique.net/sliver

"Where else can you write random-ass shit and get it published?"

- An editor on the Technique

is there a bigger let down during the day then the transition from the hot shower to the drying off?

Graduation at the Georgia Dome, the coliseum can't contain me!

Come watch me,

gettin my degree,

while the Dirty Birds kick for t'ree

party at my place today keg o PBR come one come all

Come watch GT cycling home Road race March 12-13 in newnan

how bout an extra 30 bucs for tier 3 sports

i feel sorry for whoever has to sift through all this gibberish

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graduated in 8 semesters, with 11 failed hours TOP THAT.

"sooo hot" from org. behavior: we didnt write it, but I would have!

those girls that follow ashlee simpson around as part of her "posse" make me sad

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ihate standard units, give me some metric

Cock O' lada, the first drink from a cock tube. Everyone should see this

Moloko is the true drink of champions

the internet is slow as f!@#. this post is coming from inside the technique office!!!!

Yes, I am here in the internet!

the internet is full of sexy.

That is why i am here

To the kid in the black and red baseball cap: we call you doro-

thy

to the kid with that shirt, we call you "loser."

my shoes are falling apart.

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## FOR THE POET IN ALL OF US

A recent MSE grad gets in touch with his liberal arts side, publishing a poetry book to sell in places far and wide. **Page 9**

## ARMED AND FABULOUS?

Sandra Bullock entertains in a *Miss Congeniality* sequel that features enough new material to live up to the title. **Page 13**



## Baseball vaults to No. 1 in country



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Wes Hodges makes a play at third in the N.C. State game. Hodges is batting .434 and has a .726 slugging percentage so far this season.

By Michael Clarke  
Senior Staff Writer

The No. 1 baseball team (21-5, 11-1 ACC) went 4-3 in action over Spring break. The Jackets extended their win streak over ACC foes to 25 after sweeping N.C. State, before having their streak snapped by No. 12 University of Miami. Tech rebounded to take the remaining two games of the series in Coral Gables.

The Jackets have improved in the polls after a strong first half of the season. Tech is currently ranked No. 1 in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association Poll as well as the Collegiate Baseball Poll. The Jackets are ranked No. 3 by *Baseball America* and No. 4 by the Coaches' Poll.

The opening series of the break with N.C. State was the eighth consecutive sweep of an ACC opponent.

The Jackets won the opening game of the series 9-5. Tech had a

3-2 lead going into the bottom of the seventh inning before the bats woke up and the team scored two runs in that inning and four more in the eighth.

The Jackets won the second game behind the strong arm of Lee Hyde, who worked a career high seven scoreless innings and gave up only four hits and two walks while striking out six.

Hyde was given a four run lead in the first three innings of work, but the Jackets missed a few key opportunities to blow open the game early.

Jeremy Slayden had an RBI single to drive in the first run of the inning, but Jeff

Kindel ended the first inning by grounding into a double play with the bases loaded.

The Jackets put one more on the board in the second, and Kindel made up for hitting into the double play with a two-run homer in the bottom of the third inning.

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**"Getting blown out on Friday night like we did and then bouncing back to win the series [against Miami] shows a lot of character from our guys."**

**Danny Hall**  
Baseball head coach

## sports shorts

## Track competes in Florida Relays

The mens and womens track teams turned in several impressive performances in the Florida Relays March 24th and 25th. The women's 4x200-meter relay team clocked a school record time of 1:33.51. Dana Rogers, Andriane Lapsley, Shantrell Moss and Chaunte Howard combined in the effort. Howard also finished fifth in the women's long jump.

On the first day of the relays Ann Armsby and Cristian Duvall led the Jackets with top-five finishes. Armsby finished fifth in the 3,000-steeplechase and Duvall finished fourth in the same event on the men's side.

## Men's tennis tops Tulane in Tempe

Tech's men's tennis team beat No. 18 Tulane 4-1 at the Whiteman Tennis Center in Tempe, Ariz. on March 24th.

Two days earlier the Jackets defeated No. 38 Arizona State by a 4-3 decision. Marko Rajevac was named Wendy's Athlete of the Week achieving a perfect 4-0 in singles and doubles matches on the week.

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The place in which golfer Chan Song finished in the Hootie at Bulls Bay Golf Tournament in Awendaw, S.C. Song shot a 73 in the second and third round of the tournament. The performance was the best ever for Song individually. Mike Barbosa finished 15th in the individual competition.

Overall, the Jackets finished sixth in the tournament; they were unable to catch Augusta State and Kentucky, who tied for the top spot after three rounds. Kentucky won the team title by defeating Augusta State in a one-hole playoff.

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The position in which junior swimmer Sam Morgan finished at the Men's NCAA Championships in the 1650-yard freestyle. With his finish, Morgan garnered All-America honors for the second consecutive season.

Freshman Rob Miller also competed at the NCAA Championships. Miller finished in 29th place in the mile; he joined Morgan as the only other male from Tech to ever compete in the national competition as a freshman.

## Softball sweeps perennial power FSU

By Lokesh Padhye  
Contributing Writer

Tech softball is rolling and Jessica Sallinger is the star of the show. The No. 21 Jackets swept No. 24 Florida State last weekend to progress to 32-7 overall and 5-1 in the ACC.

The Jackets won the first two games against FSU, 2-0 and 3-1, last Saturday before blanking the Seminoles 5-0 on Sunday at Glenn Field.

Tech swept the Seminoles for the first time since the 2000 season and in the process snapped a nine-game losing streak against FSU.

The Seminoles have been the dominant team of the ACC and although the games against FSU count the same as any other contest in the standings, the team was especially excited about topping Florida State.

"The girls played really well. We had to get this monkey off our back against FSU and I am pleased with the way we played," Head Coach Ehren Earleywine said.

Tech started the 2005 season with a school record 13 straight wins before slipping to a series of defeats in the Leadoff Classic in Columbus, Ga., when Tech lost four consecutive games in the last week of February including losses to Michigan and Southern Illinois.

"We were very much geared up to beat Michigan. They were ranked higher and our team was looking forward to that game for a while. So when we got beaten [by Michigan],



By Jamie Howell / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

The softball team has a record of 33-9 and is ranked No. 19 in the nation. The team's impressive season continued with a three-game sweep of nationally-ranked Florida State over the weekend.

the girls just got shut off during the rest of the tournament. What they forgot was that championships are not won in February. We should learn to put losses behind us and move on," Earleywine said.

Since then Tech is 20-3 with series wins over North Carolina and Florida State and a first-place finish

at the UCF Softball Invitational in Orlando, Fla.

"We met most of our goals that we set at preseason. There are some things I would like to see the team improve on but there are other things that have been exciting and surprising this season," Earleywine said.

One such exciting but not surpris-

ing thing is the pitching of Jessica Sallinger. Sallinger finished with her 11th complete-game shutout of the season last weekend and has not allowed an earned run in 45 2/3 innings pitched. The Kennesaw, Ga. native has not allowed a run in

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## Sex Store Moves Into Tech Square



School isn't the only thing that's hard around Technology Square

By SEYMORE BUTTS

This week, a popular adult novel-ties establishment makes its debut in Technology Square.

The porn chain, called BuzzPort, recently renovated space in the development and opened its doors yesterday. This decision to integrate the porn industry into Tech's campus serves multiple purposes, one being to build community and "ease the sexual frustration felt by much of the Tech student body," as written on a flier posted outside the new store.

According to a recent poll taken among Tech students, almost 95 percent of students consider themselves to be sexually frustrated. This investigative reporter posits that the other 5 percent are either too preoccupied playing *Halo 2* or are already fulfilled watching internet porn.

Sexual frustration is a serious problem according to many administrative officials involved in making student life better on campus. One of their goals in helping fund the money to make the space for BuzzPort available is to be proactive in solving this problem.

The thought is that if the amount of sexual frustration experienced by students is decreased, more emphasis and time can be placed on academic and leadership goals. Studies have shown that sexually fulfilled students are better able to concentrate on school assignments.

One alternative that many Tech students resort to in an effort to heal their sexual frustration, besides listening to Marvin Gaye, is Google-ing themselves, whereby you can search for yourself in the world wide web.

"It's a great outlet for stress; I don't have to get away from my awesome computer, and it's 100 percent safe—as long as I have my surge protector plugged in, of course," said Wayne Coyne, second-year CS major.

Students also reportedly stalk squirrels when they're begrudging the infamous ratio. "There's just something about chasing bushy tails that soothes me," said Jonathan Rope.

As to the negative image that inevitably goes hand-in-hand with

## CLOUGH RESIGNS TO PURSUE RAP CAREER, FAME

By CORNELL HAYNES

President G. Wayne Clough announced yesterday that he will resign at the conclusion of the 2005 summer term in order to pursue a career as a hip-hop artist. He plans to take the professional name "MC Jazzy-G."

Clough, wearing a backward cap and black hooded sweatshirt, but still sporting his trademark beard, made the surprise announcement during a hastily-called press conference which he concluded with his rap remix of "Somewhere Over the Rainbow."

"I got more rhymes than most professors got publications; it is now time for me to release them to the nations," said Clough when asked about his sudden move. To date, Clough has published over 120 papers himself. "I'm gonna be bigger than MC Hawking, dog, 'cause I'm fo' real, yo, I'm from the street."

"I never saw it coming," said Michael Anagnostakis, a third-year PSYC major. "Who knew that within our clean-cut president there slept a bone-crushing, cap-busting, hardcore mofo just waiting to bust onto the scene?"

Clough plans to release a CD of original material to coincide with his departure. The disc, to be titled *G-sing*, will be released under Clough's own label, White Beard Productions. It will feature cuts like "I'll Be Pimpin'," "What 'Bout You?," "Sonic Tergiversation" and "Your Mom's a Real Nice Lady."

"Of course I'm going to pick up his CD," said Jessica Slackhammer, a first-year MGT student. "He's the hottest guy on campus!"

Although Clough's new medium may prove challenging for some long-time followers of his work, they will be glad to hear he has kept true to his roots with tracks like "Stereophonic Plate Tectonic" and "Rock Your Fault Line." Clough, who holds a doctorate in Civil Engineering from the University of California, Berkley, specialized in earthquake engineering.

"You betta' hold on, 'cause this shir's gonna bring the house down, yo," said Clough.

adult entertainment, administrative personnel referred to the recent pornography produced at other universities to defend the actions taken here to bring a porn shop to campus.

"At least we're not approving the use of the baseball field to be featured in an X-rated film," said one Tech administrative official, referring to the incident at Pierce College.

Not everyone in the Tech community is happy with this new development however. Wednesday morning, an unnamed conservative student organization unveiled a display case calling this new attempt at improving academic performance "vile and vulgar."



By Jeffery Townes / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Clough, "MC Jazzy-G," debuted his new fly, blinged-out look.

## FACULTY APPROVE CHICKS PROGRAM

By DUCK THOMPSON

Tech announced the formation of the newest college at Tech on Friday, the College of Healing, Informative, and Culinary/Kitchen Sciences.

The new college, commonly known as CHICKS, will offer three programs: Nursing, Early Childhood Education and Society, and Home Economics and Technology. "We feel this addition will increase the diversity of the Georgia Tech student body," President Wayne Clough said.

"The new college will also increase the opportunities available to students, if you know what I'm saying, nudge nudge, wink wink," he said.

Many Tech students hailed the arrival of CHICKS. "If there's one thing this campus could use more of, it's CHICKS," Norman Dee said.

The unprecedented technical focus that Tech can bring to the academic programs will be reflected in the degree awarded to graduates of the College: unlike all other Tech undergraduates, who receive a Bachelor's degree of Science, CHICKS students will receive a Master's of Research Science, or MRS degree.

## As Leadership-Building Tool, Hazing Gains Popularity

By JAMES FENNIMORE

Tech's new consultant for leadership, Dr. Ima Folowar, said in a recent leadership development meeting that hazing is important for leadership development. "Hazing is vital for producing fine, upstanding leaders that a school like Tech can be proud of," said Folowar.

This comes as a surprise given that Tech has strict rules against hazing. "We have already started revising our policies to support hazing efforts," Karen Boyd, senior associate dean of students, said.

"We plan on following all of Folowar's suggestions. He has had success at several other colleges, like the Jepson School at the University of Richmond, and we expect him to be successful here," Boyd said.

Folowar's resume includes a poultry science degree from the University of Georgia and a cognitive development degree from Auburn University. Folowar came to Tech after having just consulted at the University of Texas. He left UT surrounded by rumors that he misappropriated student funds to purchase a large sign for his office, which interfered with his effectiveness and credibility.

Folowar referenced the hazing techniques practiced by *Technique* as especially well-suited to the formation of future leaders. "I didn't have to look far to find outstanding examples of hazing on Tech's campus. The campus student newspaper employs a range of methods to develop their writer's leadership abilities," Folowar said.

The *Technique* handbook lists hazing procedures ranging from the cleaning of the office with q-tips

for senior members, to forcing new writers to work naked outside during the winter months.

Additionally, new writers are often made to live for a week in a campus dumpster in order to better understand and feel the pulse of the student body. This exercise, involving a psychological and morally degrading experience, is meant to instill a true respect for the newspaper and its staff. "Sacrificing your body and mind to be accepted by your peers is worth it," said Nue Been.

"In this day and age, when crime runs rampant and young people no longer respect their elders, we need strict methods for crushing the dreams and spirit of students so that they may one day lead us in

a direction we all can be proud of," Folowar said.

Folowar cited recent Goldwater Scholar and *Technique* Executive Editor, Nathan Wimpy, as an example of the type of leader hazing can produce. "My experiences with *Technique* helped make me who I am today. I lost half of my thumb due to frostbite, but I consider it character development," said Wimpy.

Tech's leadership development committee meets bi-monthly and has had only one student in attendance for the past three meetings, a number Folowar thinks he can improve. "It isn't hard to increase attendance and participation in leadership when so many people have been excluded," said Folowar.



By Fennel Chew / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

All new *Technique* staff writers are required to live in a dumpster.



# Grant Field Groundskeeper Proves Money Really Does Grow on Trees



By Jeffery Townes / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Dustin Bowles, Grant Field's head groundskeeper, grows a different sort of grass in the off season.

By NANCY RED

We call it the off season. To others at Grant Field, it's pay day. In late summer, a crew rolls out and begins planting cannabis. From there it begins: cultivation, irrigation and marketing. Off the record, it's how we found out about them.

The head groundskeeper of Bobby Dodd Stadium at historic Grant

Field, Dustin Bowles, offered some very surprising information. "This is our third year in full-scale operation," he said, adding "our special brand has just started to take off this year."

Though the legality issue is the first to come to most peoples' minds, according to Bowles, "We've got it covered. It's a loophole. Since we sell half of our stash to scientific research-

ers, we're completely legitimate. Trust me on this one."

Bowles continued, "Plus, the technique learned in growing such a tempermental plant is a big help when it comes to cultivating the game-day grass Chan likes."

Customers Jeff Howell and Ian Conant have had a positive experience working with Bowles. They said that their typical exchange

involves Howell tossing Bowles a wad of cash.

"I wouldn't say I'm addicted," Howell said. "I could stop whenever I wanted to. I just really like Bowles and want to help support him in his agricultural endeavors."

It's referred to as "Tech Grass," a breed of cannabis known for its potency. A trip to see Dr. Igor Oruc, a professor in biology widely known for his research on hallucinogens, reveals the hidden scientific wonders behind the plants.

"What you see here is one of the most exciting developments in cannabis. It's hard to believe they grow it just down the street," he said with amazement. "I applaud Bowles and his team for bucking the system and following their green thumbs."

The breakthrough Oruc described was the groundskeepers' ability to graft their Tech Grass with the traditional breed of grass used on the field for games to make an exceptionally tough and strong hybrid grass that holds up better than any other breed under the rough pounding of football players.

Oruc plans to publish his findings, with Bowles as a co-author, in an upcoming edition of *Science*, once he can convince his peer reviewers that his study was conducted within the confines of American laws.

All proceeds from the sale of the Grant Field Grass goes directly back into the groundskeeping operational budget.

## SLIVERS SUBMITTED IN PERSON

In a revolt against technology, *Technique* has decided to require all sliver submissions to be turned in to the newspaper office in room 137 of the Student Services ("Flag") building. Wednesday is the weekly deadline for all submissions. Please make your note legible in your nicest handwriting. Drop your slivers of paper in the brown box on the counter, making sure the paper falls all the way into the box. No peeking at other submissions!

## WREK PLAYS POPULAR MUSIC STUDENTS LIKE

The student radio station, WREK, was heard playing popular music last week during prime listening hours. Reps for the station promise that this aberration will be fixed by next week, when the station will return to their regular schedule of "diverse and eclectic" programming to serve the local population.

### Fake Ads

## CLASSY FIDS

### FOR SALE

Ramblin Wreck for sale- 1930 Ford Model A Cabriolet Sports Coupe. Mint condition. Price negotiable. Contact nique@gatech.edu.

### REAL ESTATE

House available in the Home Park area- must be able to endure loud college parties and rowdy drunken teens.

### HOUSING

Straight white male seeking normal male roommate. Interviewing process required. Personal hygiene is discriminating factor.



# 1000th Male Made To Feel Uncomfortable By Vaginas

By NED FLOUNDERS

*The Vagina Monologues* (TVM) Georgia Tech celebrated an important milestone recently, having terrified, grossed out, or generally made wholly uncomfortable its 1000th male at a recent performance. This is the third year in a row TVM has been performed at Tech as part of Women's Awareness Month (WAM).

Said a spokeswoman for the play, while stroking her hairless pussy cat between bites of a fish sandwich, "We're all really excited about this great marker in our play's history."

"We live for the thrill of watching dragged-against-their-will-and-wildly-unprepared boyfriends squirm nervously while we go on for two hours straight about the mythic beauty and awesome power contained within our vaginas. It's like the sun shines just a little bit brighter and the sky's just a little bit bluer every time we make some poor schmuck feel like his penis makes him a bad person."

She then paddled off in a pink ca-

noe with an unnamed bald man.

Sadly, however, not everyone shares in this exultation. The aforementioned 1000th male, Schwanz Künstlicher, had this to say: "Damn. I mean, I'm a pretty enlightened guy, but they seriously just sat there and talked about their vaginas for two freaking hours."

He continued, "You'd think the damned things had super powers from the way they talked. Like they could heal the sick and make the blind see."

"Maybe those V Is For Vulgar people really were on to something there," Künstlicher added.

When reached for comment Max Colon, a spokesman for V Is For Vulgar, said, "No, we're basically a bunch of misanthropic dicks who get a kick out of ruining everyone else's fun."

Colon then invited this reporter to join him and his friends at next year's Gay Pride Parade saying, "Yeah, we're gonna go and call 'em all pedophiles, and say that God hates them. It'll be a blast." Colon closed the meeting by charging off to berate a nearby mother for breastfeeding her newborn child in public.

**"We live for the thrill of watching dragged-against-their-will-and-wildly-unprepared boyfriends squirm nervously."**

**Spokeswoman**  
*The Vagina Monologues*

## HOUSING RENEWS WAR ON SQUIRRELS, ENLISTS STUDENT HELP



By Jeffery Townes / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Housing officials have renewed their appeals for help in stopping the campus's squirrel problem.

By SUSIE ACORN

Associate Director of Housing Dan Morrison last week sent out a call for Tech students to volunteer in the fight against terror on campus.

"We have let them ruin our homes and threaten our way of life for too long," Morrison said. "Squirrels are the single greatest threat to the sanctity of housing on campus. As such, there is no other choice left to me but to declare war."

The War on Squirrels started slowly, limited at first to skirmishes between squirrel commandos and parking officials, battles that one Tech student called "a test of which evil is stronger."

However, at Morrison's urgings,

the Squirrel alert was raised yesterday to Level Tangerine. He accompanied the heightened warning level with a new call to arms.

"We have determined that the squirrels are part of an axis of evil, along with field mice and wombats," he said. "We must seek them out and destroy them before they have eaten all of our walls and climbed all of our trees."

Some students have already answered the call, bringing to the table the mightiest weapon among Tech's arsenal, CS majors.

The squirrels countered in a rash of daring attacks, chewing through electric wires in an effort to deny students internet access. However, they did not foresee the defense

measures already in place around campus.

"We have wireless internet available via LAWN in all of the most popular areas of campus, such as the library bathrooms, the Barbell Clu—er, Volleyball locker rooms, and Brittain Dining Hall," said the director of the Office of Information and Technology.

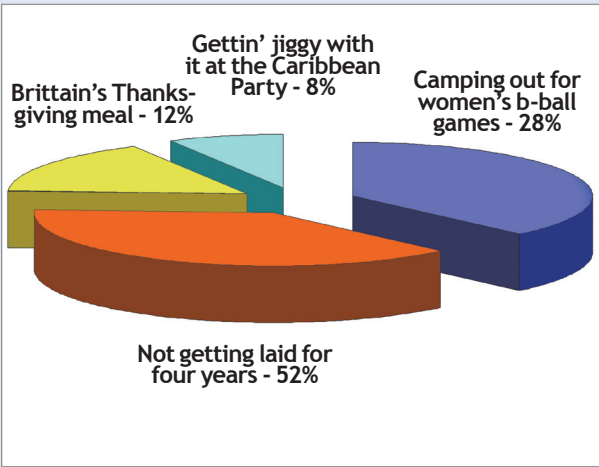
"I'm glad that I can do something to help my Institute, to help protect it from these seemingly harmless, small creatures," said Harry Ben, a third-year ROTC student.

Morrison recommends that all students to follow Ben's example, before the campus is turned to a pile of half-eaten dorm walls before our very eyes.



TechnicalityOnline Show your ambivalence!

Last issue's question received 4,816 responses.  
What is your favorite Tech Tradition?



By John Joe / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

This week's question:  
**What is the meaning of life?**  
Tell us at [www.noonecareswhatyouthink.net](http://www.noonecareswhatyouthink.net)



Parking vehicles crash

On April 1, a male student reported a car accident in Peters Parking deck. Three Tech parking vehicles wrecked attempting to give a ticket to the same unregistered car. Each parking employee claimed to have identified the car first. No injuries were reported.

Stinger booted

On April 1, an illegally parked Stinger bus was reported on the corner of Fowler and Spring Street. The Stinger was booted immediately by

You wish they were from the files of the GTPD...

Campus Criminality

parking officials, as the driver could not be located. He was talking on his cell phone.

Food fight

On April 1, a Brittain manager was arrested for assault and battery during a health code inspection. The health department inspector had given the dining hall a failing score. Employees reported that after a loud argument the manager threw the inspector into a nearby ice cream machine. The manager was also cited for resisting arrest.

Test causes convulsions

On April 1, a male student was transported to the hospital. Students reported that he had fallen down

in convulsions after being handed his Physics II test. The student is expected to make a full recovery, until he receives the graded test.

Hands off my booty!

On April 1, a short man dressed in all green, commonly known as a leprechaun, was spotted causing a ruckus in Jackets in the Student Center Commons. He insisted that the "pub" put the "O" back in its name, to read "O'Jackets." He first insisted that the dining spot give back his pot of gold. By the time the GTPD arrived, however, the rainbow had disappeared.

This week's campus crime information contributed by Doug Lion

Technicality proudly presents:

Top 25 uses for a dead flamingo

1. Golf club
2. Broom
3. Chopsticks
4. Feather duster
5. rug beater
6. Catfish food
7. Back scratcher
8. Hat rack
9. Fishing Lure
10. Fly Swatter
11. Coat Hanger
12. Baseball bat
13. Hardware organizer
14. Pooper Scooper
15. Croquet mallet
16. Scratching post
17. Nothing
18. Athletic Supporter
19. Staff Writer
20. Ladle
21. Swizzle Stick
22. Fertilizer
23. Cattle prod
24. Steak tenderizer
25. Shish-ka-bob stick



# No Novel Necessary: Spring Graduation To Last Only 58 Fun-Filled Hours

By NANCY RED

Organizers of spring graduation ceremonies at the Georgia Dome expect this year's program to last approximately 58 hours, up from 37 hours last year.

"This is such a magical, memorable moment in the lives of Tech students," said Alumni Association minion Ann Marie Botts. "It's only fitting that it last as long as possible. My message to all the graduates and their families is to enjoy this special time as long as you can, which we'll try to help you with."

The increase stems from the combination of graduates and undergraduates into a single, drawn-out ceremony. The process of calling out each name will last approximately 30 hours. Some people's names are really long and most will probably be muttered and unrecognizable. Several, or most, will probably also be skipped to make sure everything is completed within the 30-hour time frame.

There will also be an eight-hour commemorative film prepared by a variety of student organizations highlighting their time at Tech,

followed by a 14-hour film encouraging graduates to donate the first tenth of their annual wages to the Institute.

"Tech has given all of you so much," outgoing President Wayne Clough said. "Now it's time to pay up. Seriously. Pay up, or there will be consequences and repercussions. Don't think I won't sign your diploma."

In better news, friends and family must hand over all money that they carry into the ceremony to the graduates in appreciation for their hard work. Don't worry students, you're going to get screwed anyways;

Tech will immediately take this money as their own since they implemented the policy, but at least it will make you feel better for a little bit. And it will give you one more "shafting" experience to look back on fondly.

The highlight of the event promises to be the special guest speaker Ken Jennings, *Jeopardy* player

extraordinaire. His entire address will be delivered in the form of a question. His tone will undoubtedly be somewhat condescending, like he somehow already knows the answer to his rhetoric.

For the comfort of observers and participants, sleeping bags and three meals will be provided. Porto-potties will be located at the ends of each row, but access will be restricted to voucher-holders; participants will receive two "Number 1" vouchers and one "Number 2" voucher.

Alcohol is still forbidden during the ceremony, and armed guards will be posted at every entrance to prevent anyone from slipping out early.

The guards have also been informed to fire on anyone who attempts to get around the alcohol policy.

The length of graduation ceremonies has grown exponentially over time; it averaged about three minutes

at the turn of the last century, and passed the 24-hour mark in 1971. The format of the ceremonies themselves has also varied over time.

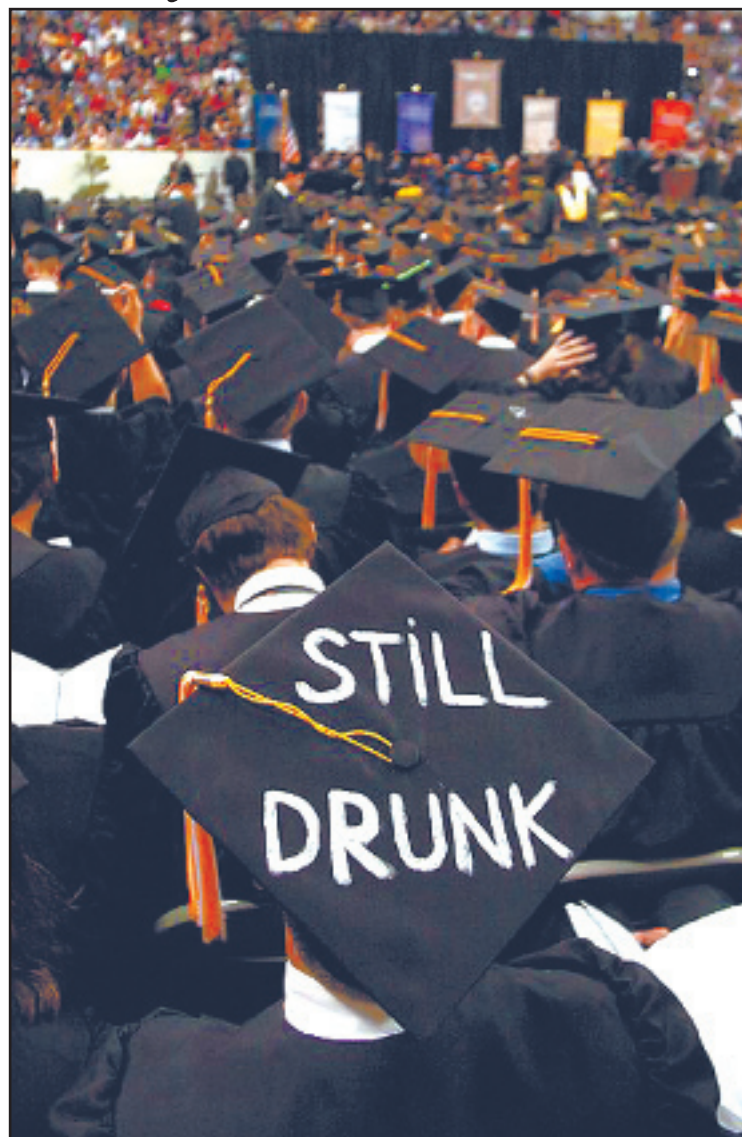
In 1952, Tech marked graduation with

a ritualistic breaking of circuit boards, and throughout the 1980s graduates each consumed one five-inch floppy disk.

**"This is such a magical moment in the lives of Tech students... it's only fitting that it last as long as possible."**

**Ann Marie Botts**  
Alumni Association

**"Participants will receive two 'Number 1' vouchers and one 'Number 2' voucher for the porto-potties."**



By Jeffery Brown / STUDENT PUBLICATIONS

Graduates are excited about spending time sleeping in their caps.



# FIRST LUKE, NOW STUDENT GOVERNMENT: LET THE ERA OF THE FANS' POSSE BEGIN

By RAY FANO

“Luke Schenscher has a posse, man!” said Kyle Master, his way of explaining the fever that hit campus last year—student obsession with an untamed pouf of red curly hair standing a tall seven feet off the ground.

The student body took to donning the Australian’s bright yellow shirt in a rather cultish fashion last year. But recently, students have stepped it up a notch. No, it’s not those fun “Paul Hewitt Nation” t-shirts. Actually, the real posse has come out and is ready to take their rightful possession of true fanatical insanity.

Red, poofy-haired and unshaven men have swarmed Skiles Walkway, while men on stilts with long socks and basketball shoes attempt to cram into the small desks of Howey Physics. Swarm, step aside. The real Georgia Tech basketball fans have stepped forward.

Though the Jackets have left the big dance, these true fans aren’t daunted, and still plan to make their presence known. “There’s always next year to be preparing for. I need to start growing my hair out now if I want it to be good enough by next season,” said Master.

The crazed fans’ efforts have recently paid off. In a press release about the student-organized celebration for Schenscher’s birthday, President Clough encouraged students to “indulge profusely” in Fosters beer.

Though the event was highly successful this year, its popularity still has room to grow.

Sadly, the ratio of people dressed like Luke Schenscher was slightly higher than those accidentally dressed as Luke Skywalker.

### SGA Posse

In other cult news, Amy Phuong, Student Government Association (SGA) president, announced at Tuesday’s undergraduate house meeting that a dedicated SGA posse had been created by a group of interested students.

Brian O’toole, the SGA posse’s founder and leader, created the

group three weeks ago when his organization’s bill was funded.

O’toole was so estatic, and mildly attracted to Phuong and several other eloquent women representatives, that he gathered his friends to rally behind the

the Undergraduate House of Representatives, pronounced “purrrr”) aims to provide moral support for UHR in whatever ways they can. The group has coordinated three events thus far, and is planning their biggest action for this coming Tuesday.

PUHR has brought



chocolate layer cake to a UHR meeting, strung balloons around the SGA office, and sported “WE [heart] SGA!” shirts around campus.

Next Tuesday’s big event, though, will be a pre-meeting rally modeled on a Yellow Jacket Alley football game-day rally. The rally will be replete with swarms of cheering students, posters, Styrofoam #1 fingers and a line for the representatives to run through, slapping high-fives with the supportive students before breaking through a large banner decorated with the Bill of Rights and a gavel.

“We just love SGA and want them to know how much they’re valued here by grateful students. Woooooooooooo!!” gushed O’toole.

“I’m so excited to run through the students and get slapped on the back—there’s nothing that gets me pumped for budget breakin’ and bill passin’ than a good rally!” said Phuong.

When questioned as to the group’s motivations, O’toole said that they are not looking for any favors or the promise of their future bills getting passed; he did add that he wouldn’t turn down a date with the lovely Phuong. “I’ve always wanted to be the First Gentleman of SGA. I mean I know she has to agree to go out with me first, but hell who couldn’t love a guy that goes to these kinds of lengths to get a girl’s attention?” O’toole said.

While O’toole may not be getting any dates just yet with Phuong, his efforts haven’t gone completely unnoticed in UHR. “Let’s just say that the posse is real and man is it sweet,” O’toole said.

However, the T-shirts haven’t made everyone on campus. The Graduate Student Senate is up in arms that they weren’t included in the posse campaign. “GSS needs its own posse, dammit. We have people, well like 15 that care, but still dammit we’re a posse,” said Hank O’toolwannabe.

“Until GSS does as much good as SGA or gets a hot chick, they’re not a part of my posse. When they fix this, they can call,” O’toole said.



# Administration Encourages Gambling, Sponsors Poker Tournament To Fund HOPE

By MINDY POOL

With the Institute continuing to feel the ill effects of recent government budget cuts, the administration has proposed a new plan for raising funds to support an ever increasing academic operating budget. For the first time in the history of higher education, an top-10 public school will be hosting a poker tournament.

"By no means are we condoning illicit, illegal or unsafe gambling. This move is just an attempt to raise some much needed cash for that blingin' diamond stud earring I want," said Bob McMath, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs. McMath continued, "Plus, the little lady at home is nagging me to bring more dough home—she says 'helping others,

helping students to grow as people' is bull hockey. And frankly, I think my old girl might be right."

Bob Thompson, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, said that proceeds from the tournament will mainly be going to a scholarship fund that will supplement the floundering HOPE scholarship monies.

Thompson is positive that out-of-state students will not be disgruntled

by the tournament money helping local students. "Sure, in-state students do already

get a butt-load of money from the state, but we need to do more to help them offset the low cost of in-state tuition. [I think that] out-of-state students are already so used to be fiscally shafted, it makes no sense to cut them a break now," he said.

The adminis-

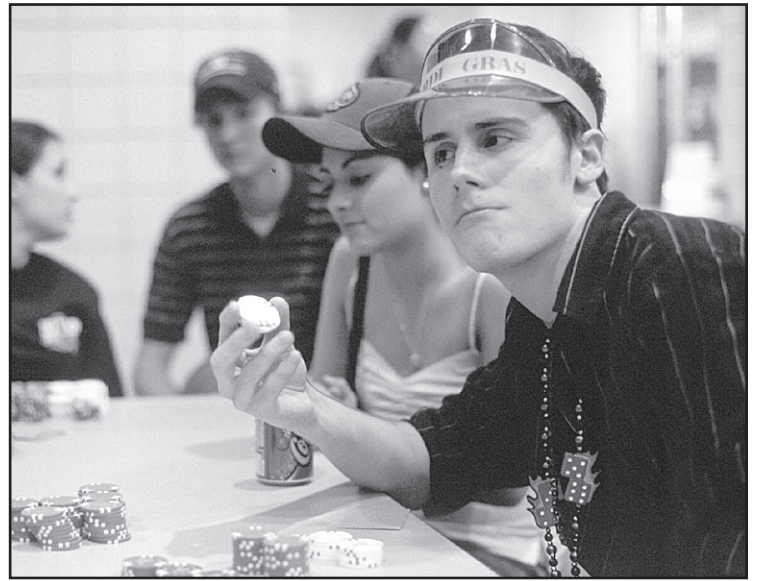
tration credits the recent television and popular poker hype for giving them the idea to organize a Texas Hold'em competition. Once the cards were stacked in favor of the tournament, the administration consulted with the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) Board of Commissioners to examine the legalities of such an event.

"We're not concerned about a public backlash," said Executive Assistant Gary May, speaking for Institute President G. Wayne Clough. "If anything, we think encouraging students and the local poor people who are addicted to this sort of thing to spend the money they don't have to play poker will help our educational offerings."

Student reaction to the poker tournament, which will be held next week on the second floor of the library, was very positive. Irwin Chips, a second-year MGT

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**The administration is gambling on the popularity of poker to help them save the HOPE scholarship from depletion.**

student, likes the idea. "I just hope my professors play so that I can wipe their faces with my skillz. Because girls only like guys with skillz, and since I can't use numchucks, I figure my mad stylings with the flop and my masterful river skillz will work some magic."

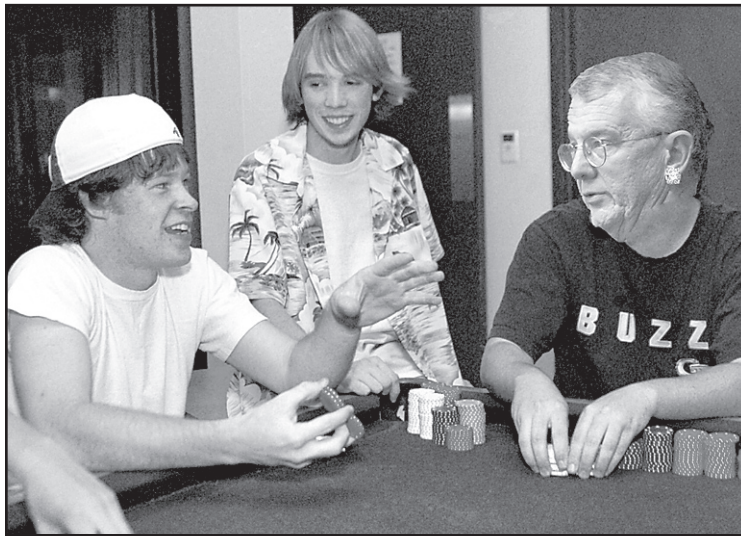
This event to benefit college students' education by supporting HOPE is looking for naive students to sign up now. Prizes are to include a free education and toilet paper.

For those poor freshmen whose parents don't know that buzzfunds isn't nearly as fun as real money to play with, a special effort has been made to accept BuzzCard as a form of payment for the poker debts.

"Heck yeah, I'm in man. My mama put \$1000 on my Buzzcard. Like I'm ever going to do that much laundry in a semester," said Naive Dork.

And don't worry, not just anyone is organizing this Texas Hold 'Em tournament. That's right, Clough got the big men on campus—the Residence Hall Association (RHA)—to help them out with the shindig.

"We're thrilled and honored to participate in the first gambling tournament on campus. Clough came to the right place because if anyone knows how to party, it's RHA. Remember we know how to bring the party to where you live," said Ima Addictedtohousing.



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**McMath is a seasoned veteran of the poker table, having spent many late nights swindling his grandchildren out of their allowances.**